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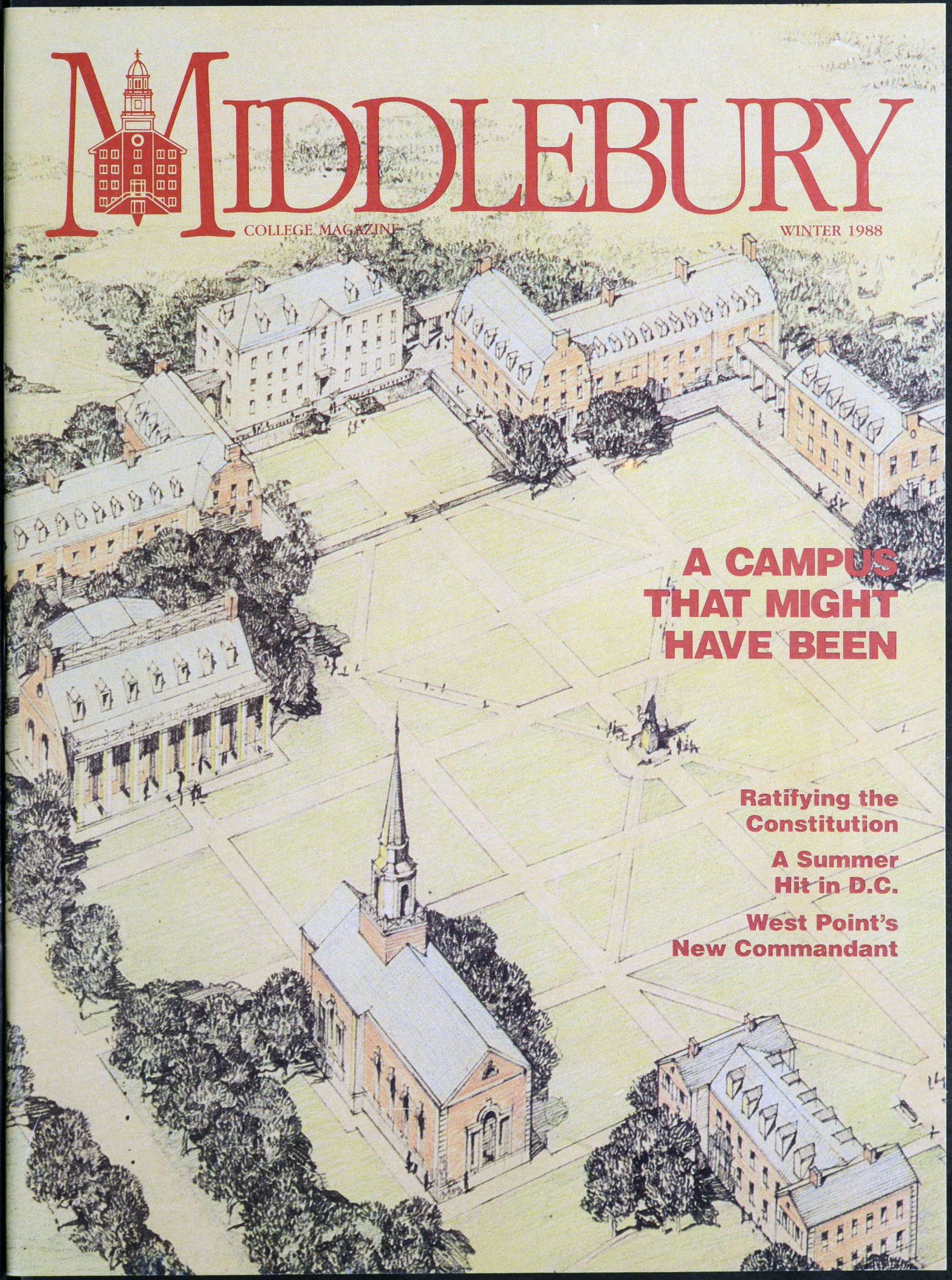

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of the magazine includes coverage of summer at the Language Schools and Bread Loaf (see pages 23-24, 39-43, and 46). Our coverage of the Language Schools isn't as good as we would like it to be. We intend to try harder in the future. But the two-month session flies by quickly, and getting through the language barrier—virtually all Language Schools events take place in the foreign language—can be difficult.

Case in point: Photographer Erik Borg '67, a one-time English literature graduate student at the University of Chicago, went to hear poet Joseph Brodsky read for the Russian School last summer.

A few months later, of course, the 47-year-old Brodsky would win the Nobel Prize for Literature. When the announcement came, the *New York Times* gave the story a full page. It was a popular selection, with critics and other writers making gracious comments along the line, "Brodsky deserves it." The *Times* included an interview with Brodsky, filed from London. "What provides you with subject matter is your own language—and that's all," Brodsky was quoted. "A writer is a tool of the language rather than the other way around."

And there was also a sidebar of Brodsky poetry and prose—either English writings or translations into English. "Illness and death," Brodsky writes in an essay, "On Tyranny" (1980), "are, perhaps, the only things that a tyrant has in common with his subjects. In this sense alone a nation profits by being run by an old man. It's not that one's awareness of one's own mortality necessarily enlightens or makes one mellow, but the time spent by a tyrant pondering, say, his metabolism is time stolen from the affairs of state. Both domestic and international tranquilities are in direct proportion to the number of maladies besetting your First Secretary of the Party, or your President-for-Life."

At Middlebury, Brodsky read his poetry for three hours, Borg reports. Brodsky smokes cigarettes and looks much older than his 47 years. The audience was spellbound; Brodsky is a man of great presence and aura. But after a while, Borg says, even a photographer with an avid interest in literature couldn't help but be more than a little bit bored.

Brodsky spoke and read in Russian—and Borg doesn't speak a word of the language.

We have an introduction to make. In the class notes section, you might notice that the profiles of the 1987 Alumni Achievement Award winners have the byline of Kathy Follert '87. Kathy is one of six 1987 graduates hired by the College as Resident Hall Assistants; the RHAs work approximately half time as dormitory heads (Kathy is with freshmen in Allen), and then they have internships in different offices around campus. Kathy works with us in the Public Affairs office, splitting her time, for the most part, between the magazine and *MiddPoints*, the campus tabloid for faculty and staff.

We enjoy having Kathy around. Among other things, she gives us a window into campus life. One of the important tasks assigned the RHAs, especially those in the freshmen dorms, is to develop non-alcoholic social programming. Virtually the entire freshmen class this year is underage. There have been some complaints on campus this fall from freshmen who feel that, because they are underage, they are excluded from much of the campus social life. Its a tough battle developing a "new" campus social environment; it will get easier in some ways—but harder, in others—when the drinking age change is fully in place (the change is being phased in a year at a time, so that by 1989 the legal age will be 21). Circumstances sometimes can conspire against success, as well. Kathy organized an overnight camping trip this fall, renting tents and equipment. Then it rained. Undaunted, she set up camp in the dorm lounge.

Another name you may be familiar with: Leslie Virostek '88 wrote an essay "Confessions of an English major," which appeared in the spring issue, and the story on the new North Dormitory in our summer issue. In this issue she's helped fill the back of the book with a number of short articles. Her specialty is offbeat looks at campus life, and you might enjoy her review of the construction taking place on campus this fall (see page 44) and her Around the Hill item on the new campus phone system .

Both Kathy and Leslie are working on some bigger projects, so you can expect to be reading more from them in coming issues. —ECE

LETTERS

Reviewing the changes

Editor: The last issue of *Middlebury College Magazine* came shortly before my departure for visits in the States, which unexpectedly included Homecoming at Middlebury last weekend; my hostess being friend and Midd '25 roommate, presently class co-secretary, Dot Johnson Fredrickson.

It was really fun to see my picture with the item about my letters, even though I grew up in a time and place where ladies' names appeared in print only at birth, marriage, and demise. I thought your student helper, Dwight Garner '89, did an excellent job researching the letters and writing so entertainly about them.

About the magazine changes: I like new Contents page, as well as the features at front. The gray paper makes it easy to find "The Newsletter" but, for readers with not so good vision, it is harder to read, less contrast between paper and print.

DOROTHY T. HEADLEY '25
St. Martins, New Brunswick

I enjoyed your "Editor's Note" in the fall issue. The magazine looks great, and I like the alumnae-i notes "Newsletter" bound into the center.

But, my friend, the cover! With all due respect to Mr. Heim, who sounds like a very interesting and very talented young man, I do not enjoy examining his dental work and keep the issue face down on the coffee table! You folks at the home office may be sick to death of pretty pictures of chapel at night, but we old grads are NOT! Even with all the new buildings, Midd is still a marvellously beautiful place. Let's see more of it! In any case, surely you can do better than this.

JEAN SMITH MURPHY '46
Concord, N.H.

The Harvard-Middlebury tie

The Dorothy Tillapaugh Headley '25 article in your autumn magazine caught my attention because she talks about the famous 1923 Middlebury vs. Harvard football game. While she enjoyed the tie game her sophomore year, I went to the game as a Newton High School freshman, with my father, J. (for John) E. Parker '01 and we all lost our voices cheering for Klevenow (later football coach), Papke, and Hollquist, who were able to kick two field goals in the third period to tie Harvard's touchdown in the second period. (Her article about the scoring needs correcting.)

Also, President Moody told my father, who was then an Alumni Trustee, about Coach Dave Morey telephoning the score to the President, and Moody made the famous remark, "66 to what?"

ELIZABETH P. ANDREWS '30
Middlebury, Vt.

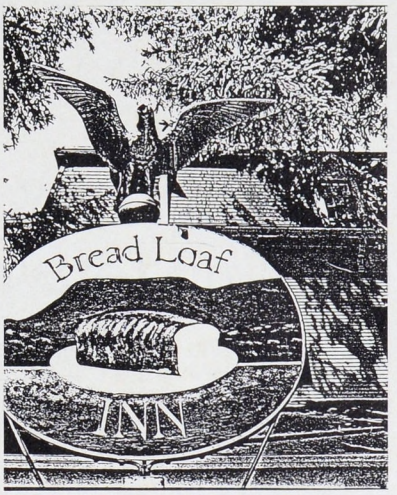
Wanted: Alumni who want to help us

The Student Drug and Alcohol Information Service is an organization begun in 1986 by a group of Middlebury College students. The group's long-term goals include increasing students' awareness about their drinking and drug-taking habits, and making some contribution in the fight against substance abuse and its painful and negative consequences. We believe that education is a major component in prevention.

Last year, the group provided a box number and phone-answering machine where an interested person could submit a question which would then be answered promptly and confidentially. In addition, we showed "Fighting Drunk," a video movie made by a Dartmouth student, which presented drinking and partying on three college campuses in a documentary fashion. This led to an involved discussion afterward. The return of Nick Lieder '85, a recovering cokaholic and alcoholic, along with the showing of the video he made for our college community, generated much awareness and concern, especially because a Middlebury alumnus was discussing his substance use here and subsequent recovery.

This year, we are creating table tents for the dining halls, which will increase the exposure of our group and information on drugs and alcohol. We are also reviewing films to bring to campus that will keep drug and alcohol issues under active discussion.

We would like to invite alumni who are recovering from substance abuse to return and share experiences with students. Perhaps this would take the form of a symposium, or maybe they would be individual visits. Middlebury alumni professionals involved with drug and alcohol issues would also be a powerful source of information.



Keeping up the Bread Loaf Inn tradition

Imagine stopping over at a secluded inn—perhaps a Victorian cottage complete with period furnishings—and finding a copy of *Middlebury Magazine* waiting for you on the night table.

We'd like to put together a directory of small inns and bed-and-breakfast establishments—in New England or anywhere else—boasting some sort of Middlebury connections. We'd like information from alumni and friends—including alumni travelers—about Middlebury-connected hostelries, including details about furnishings, culinary specialities de la maison, historical folklore attached to the house, views and walks in the vicinity, natural habitats to be explored, cultural attractions in the area, shopping, tennis courts, golf courses, etc. Please include your prices, as well. We will verify and complete the listings with follow-up phone calls and/or letters.

We have seen several enthusiastic notices in your class notes of stopovers run by Middlebury managers and owners. Even when you're trying to get away from it all, it's sometimes nice to come across people with whom you share a connection—especially a Middlebury connection.

Address your contributions to Dotty Pistorius, Middlebury Magazine

TAX-WISE GIFTS

BY JANE BRYANT QUINN '60

Looking back, looking forward

For the past three years, I've been suggesting creative, tax-wise ways of giving money to Middlebury. Ideas that not only benefit the College, but also give something back to you.

During this time, there have been tremendous changes in the incentives for charitable giving. The tax laws have been overhauled. Entrepreneurial businesses have flourished. Fortunes have been made (and, recently, dented) in stocks.

But through it all, the College has clearly come out ahead. Total giving for the Campaign for Middlebury has moved steadily upward—more than $50 million, as of this writing.

So many of you have responded to the proposals made in this column that I thought you might be interested in what the rest of your classmates have been doing. Here are three actual examples, of how the needs of alumni and the College converged to make a perfect gift:

GETTING A GUARANTEED INCOME FROM YOUR GIFT

A retired librarian from a class in the '20s wanted to make a special gift to celebrate her 60th reunion. Her money was banked at 5.5 percent interest. She wrote the College a check for $10,000 to establish a gift annuity—which is paying her an annual income of 9.9 percent.

For her, the beauty of the gift is that the extra income is guaranteed for the rest of her life. She also got a $5,692 tax deduction in the year of her gift.

COMBINING A HIGHER INCOME WITH A LOWER TAX

In the late 1970s, a '50s alumna bought $20,000 worth of Ford stock. Thanks to the stock-market boom, it grew in value to $133,000—but paid a dividend of only 3 percent. She was thinking of selling and investing the proceeds for a higher income. But that would have cost her a capital gains tax of $30,000, leaving her less to reinvest.

The College always has a solution to dilemmas like this! She gave her stock to Middlebury, to create a charitable trust. What did she get from her gift? A $40,000 tax deduction. A $30,000 tax saving, since she didn't have to pay a capital gains tax. And a 6 percent income for the rest of her life, which is twice what she was getting before.

GIVING SOME MONEY, THEN GETTING IT BACK

This is what I call a yo-yo trust. You can effectively lend the college an asset for a while, get a generous tax deduction, then get the asset back. A late '60s grad used this device to make a generous, five-year commitment to the Campaign for Middlebury.

He took bonds, which paid a steady 10 percent, and put them in trust for five years. During that time, the income goes to the College. In return, he got an instant tax deduction—the present value of the full five years of interest payments. And after five years, the College gives him his bonds back. Really.

LOOKING FORWARD

Tax reform has been accomplished, and almost all the benefits of charitable giving still remain. What has changed is the sophistication of Middlebury's development staff, which is bursting with ideas for helping donors get more from their money while helping the College at the same time.

Are you looking for guaranteed income or tax deductions? Do you want to improve the income you're getting from your assets? Now, more than ever, the college can help.

In telling the stories above, I emphasized the benefits each donor received. But, in every case, the ultimate beneficiary was Middlebury, which received income or assets that otherwise would have gone elsewhere.

Giving to the College is really what it's all about. In these highly competitive times for excellent private colleges, your alma mater needs and deserves your support—for its building program, to maintain a top faculty and, especially, for scholarships, to keep our doors open to able students regardless of income. Mike Schoenfeld and his staff stand ready to help you work out the best gift for your financial circumstances. So give them a call at (802)388-3711, extension 5200. Anytime.

This is another in a series of columns by Jane Bryant Quinn '60 on how you might give to Middlebury. One of the nation's top reporters on personal finance, Quinn writes columns for Newsweek *and* Woman's Day, *and her twice-weekly column for the* Washington Post *is syndicated to more than 125 newspapers.*

Anyone who believes he or she can be of help would be greatly appreciated. Interested alumni are requested to contact: The Student Drug and Alcohol Information Service, Box 2224, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

We are concerned about drug and alcohol use and abuse on campus, and we hope that some alumni can be part of our efforts to increase awareness.

THE STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL INFORMATION SERVICE
Middlebury, VT

Internships needed for scholars

The Middlebury College Presidential Scholars program is soliciting internships for the summer of 1988 for freshmen and sophomores. These outstanding students are currently participating in a year-long seminar on leadership, led by President Robison, in anticipation of paid summer internships provided by alumni, trustees, and friends of the College in the United States and abroad. The positions should provide these students with an opportunity to exhibit leadership skills. This is a new program for the College, and we are anxious to involve Middlebury alumni and parents.

If you are able to provide such a summer opportunity to a student, or have questions about the program, please contact me at (802) 388-3711, ext. 5698.

ELIZABETH KARNES
Executive Assistant to the President
Middlebury, VT

Andrew Reding's is a "strong voice"

I was pleased to read the biographical sketch of Andrew Reding '75 in the Autumn 1987 issue of the *Middlebury Magazine*. As a regular reader of the *World Policy Journal*, to which he contributes as a fellow, I have appreciated Mr. Reding's reporting and analysis of current affairs in Central America. His is a strong voice among those attempting to combat what I view to be the destructive and anti-democratic foreign policy of the Reagan administration in that region of the world.

While the Reagan administration line is shrill and often appears intent on deceiving the American public with its own brand of "disinformation," Mr. Reding has offered his readers a more sophisticated, first-hand account of problems, personalities, and events in Central America. We would all do well to pay greater heed to the perspective he offers.

DAVID R. BRAUTIGAM '69
Huntington, VT

When they penned their names, the signers gave "The Constitution of the United States" only a chance at acceptance.

They had just begun to fight

By John McCardell

September 17, 1787, was not a day for fireworks, parades, speeches, or other forms of spirited public celebration. It was, rather, a solemn day, a day of risk and courage and doubt, a day lived by ordinary mortals, imperfectly comprehending their world, and trying to translate into institutional form the ideas that had led them first to declare their independence and then to make war and then, now, to establish a new government, founded upon new principles.

Doctor Franklin had been the first to express his views. "I accept this Constitution with all its faults," he declared, "because I expect no better, and because I am not sure that it is not the best. The opinions I have had of its errors, I sacrifice to the public good—I have never whispered a syllable of them abroad—within these walls they were born, and here they shall die. I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of the Convention who may still have objections to it, would with me, on this occasion, doubt a little of his own infallibility—and to make manifest our unanimity, put his name to this instrument."

Other voices followed, some in support, a distinguished few, Randolph and Mason of Virginia, Gerry of Massachusetts, in dissent. Finally, a little past three o'clock, the delegates came forward one by one to affix their signatures, beginning with Langdon of New Hampshire and moving southward to, finally, Baldwin of Georgia. Resolute to the end, the dissenters declined to sign. By four o'clock the signing was complete, and the convention adjourned.

Later, George Washington, who had presided over the convention since its beginning in May, noted in his diary, "the business being closed, the members adjourned to the City Tavern, dined together and took a cordial leave of each other; after which I returned to my lodgings, did some business with, and received the papers from the Secretary of the Convention, and retired to meditate on the momentous work which had been executed."

Meditation, not celebration, was the order of the day because, as Washington understood, affixing signatures to the new document changed nothing. Ahead still lay a state-by-state battle to secure adoption of the new United States Constitution.

The outcome of that battle was far from clear. Influential voices had already been raised in opposition, and those voices were capable of moving the masses. Meanwhile skeptics abroad kept the death watch on the foundering ten-year-old republican experiment that they felt was sure to sink.

The very notion of a fixed, written constitution was truly radical. Its premise, that sovereignty can and should be divisible, both horizontally (executive, legislative, judicial) and vertically (nation, state, locality), defied reason and therefore, especially among enlightened Old World opinion, was fundamentally flawed. Yet reason, as John Dickinson of Pennsylvania had admonished his fellow delegates at the outset of the Philadelphia convention, "may mislead us. Experience," he argued, "must be our only guide."

Drawing upon experience, the constitution-makers, meeting under a pledge of secrecy (imagine if Dan Rather or Sam Donaldson had been around in 1787), dramatically recast a government that had, under the Articles of Confederation, seemed utterly reasonable.

The Articles, drafted in 1777 and finally ratified by all the states in 1781, reflected the belief that sovereignty remained indivisible, but they also were based on the novel proposition that the source of that sovereignty was the people. Government, any government, derived its legitimacy from the continuous consent of the governed. The thirteen separate states shared a resistance to a strong central government and, growing out of protracted wrangling with Parliament, a firm commitment to retaining control over their own destiny. Since, ultimately, it had been the tyranny of King George III that had prompted the Declaration of Independence, it logically followed that executive power in the new government should be at least severely curtailed if not, as was the case of the Pennsylvania constitution, actually eliminated. Thus, for all practical purposes, the state legislatures governed. Certain functions they permitted to be performed by the "United States in Congress assembled," but

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those functions were quite limited, and executive power in this enfeebled national government was vested in the President of Congress (thus making the first President of the United States not George Washington but rather John Hanson of Maryland, who was the first President of Congress under the Articles).

The result of these arrangements defied the dictates of reason at every turn. The problems have been neatly summarized by a distinguished historian, who writes that Congress under the Confederation "could ask for money but not compel payment; it could enter into treaties but not enforce their stipulations; it could provide for raising of armies but not fill the ranks; it could borrow money but take no proper measures for repayment; it could advise and recommend but not command." Meanwhile, in the states, factions, or special interest groups, proliferated, and there existed no countervailing force to remind the combatants of the general good. By 1788 James Madison was moved to observe that a "spirit of locality" had come to undermine the "aggregate interests of the community." Legislative tyranny forced even so stanch a democrat as Thomas Jefferson to conclude that "173 despots would surely be as oppressive as one. An elective despotism was not the government we fought for."

With chaos in the states and impotence in the Congress, the republican experiment seemed to many by the mid-1780s doomed. When Daniel Shays led a group of aggrieved debtor farmers in a march on the courts in Springfield, Massachusetts, a state whose constitution seemed a model republican instrument, a growing fear of a collapse of public order prompted Congress to authorize the Philadelphia convention. That call, drafted by Alexander Hamilton, sought to assemble the states so as "to render the constitution of the federal government adequate to the exigencies of the Union." More specifically this meant, as a wary Congress, still sensitive to popular opinion, declared, a convention "for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation and reporting to Congress and the several legislatures such alterations and provisions therein."

It must have seemed to many Americans learning the news of what had taken place at Philadelphia that the convention had significantly exceeded its mandate. Calls arose in Congress and in the states to censure the convention. But, recognizing that through the arduous process of ratification yet to come that opponents of the new charter would have ample opportunity to air their concerns, Congress transmitted the new constitution to the states, nine of which would be required to approve it before it could take effect.

Had the Contstitution been put to a popular vote, it would have been defeated, probably overwhelmingly defeated.

"Signing of the Constitution," by Thomas Prichard Rossiter (c.1872), depicts an imaginary setting. Independence National Historical Park

Had the Constitution been put to a popular vote, it would have been defeated, probably overwhelmingly defeated. Had it been referred to the state legislatures for ratification, a similar outcome would have ensued. But Article VII of the new constitution required that it be ratified by special state conventions, called to deliberate upon this one question and then to dissolve. In these conventions, then, the battle would be waged.

By the end of the year, three states had ratified, two, Delaware and New Jersey, unanimously, the third, Pennsylvania, by a margin of two-to-one. By mid-January Georgia, unanimously, and Connecticut, by a three-to-one vote, had given approval. It would be uphill the rest of the way.

The debates in Pennsylvania gave clues about the battle ahead. Opponents of the new constitution, shrewdly dubbed antifederalists by the charter's supporters, advanced powerful arguments. The new government would be not a confederation of states but a consolidated national entity. Because there was no bill of rights, citizens would be at the mercy of an all-powerful Congress, which would tax them to death, and an all-powerful President, who would tyrannize over them. From Virginia came Mason's objection that the House of Representatives was "not the substance, but the shadow only of representation." A Philadelphian writing under the name Centinel charged the federalists with attempting to scare the public by their claims that there was "no alternative between adoption and absolute ruin." This, he charged, was "the argument of tyrants."

For the federalists, James Wilson responded. Not only did the states reserve every power not expressly granted the national government, but the states themselves retained certain important enumerated powers. The House was to be chosen by the same electorate that chose state legislators. Senators were to be elected by the state legislatures. And the President was to be elected by the states assembled in the Electoral College. More important, however, Wilson argued, was the constitution's premise that sovereignty resides not in the state governments but rather in the people. "They have not parted with it; they have only dispensed such portions of it as were conceived primarily for the public welfare.

The consequence is that they may take from subordinate governments powers with which they have hitherto entrusted them, and place those powers in the general government, if it is thought that there they will be productive of more good."

Though Wilson's arguments prevailed in the convention, Wilson himself remained vulnerable even after the charter had been ratified. On December 27 a public celebration was mounted, with a bonfire, speeches, and general merrymaking. A gang of antifederalists rushed upon Wilson, knocked him down, and beat him. Only the physical intervention of a Revolutionary War veteran, who literally threw himself upon Wilson's prostrate body, saved the Pennsylvanian from death.

The first major test of federalist strength occurred in Massachusetts, whose convention assembled January 9. Of the 336 delegates, as many as 192 were thought to be antifederalists. The federalists secured a procedural advantage in having the convention agree to go over the proposed constitution paragraph by paragraph, thus permitting ample time to discuss each particular provision and engage opposing arguments one at a time. Then Governor John Hancock introduced a series of nine amendments, including the reservation to the states of all powers not "expressly delegated" to the national government, which he urged Massachusetts to recommend along with its ratification of the document. Sam Adams, among others, was won over by this gesture so that, when the vote took place on February 6, the federalists narrowly prevailed, 187-168.

Bells chimed and cannon boomed to greet the news. The delegates repaired to Faneuil Hall to drink toasts to their success. Indeed, had the vote in Massachusetts gone the other way, ratification by the remaining states would have been in serious jeopardy. Instead the federalists had triumphed. The following doggerel, set to the tune of Yankee Doodle, appeared in the Boston press:

The 'vention did in Boston meet,
The State House could not hold 'em,
So then they went to Fed'ral Street,
And there the truth was told 'em.

And ev'ry morning went to prayer,
And then began disputing,
Till oppositions silenced were,
By arguments refuting.

Then Squire Hancock like a man,
Who dearly loved the nation,
By a conciliatory plan,
Prevented much vexation.

He made a woundy Fed'ral speech,
With sense and elocution;
And then the 'vention did beseech
T'adopt the Constitution.

Six states had ratified when the first of the southern conventions, in Maryland, voted approval by a margin of 63-11. South Carolina approved the charter on May 23, 149-73. Of the remaining states, cranky Rhode Island refused even to call a convention, and North Carolina vowed to hold out until certain amendments were actually incorporated into the constitution. That left New Hampshire, New York, and Virginia. And none was a sure thing.

Though the New Hampshire convention had assembled in February, after a week it adjourned, to reconvene in June. Had a vote been taken in February, ratification would have failed. A clear, and clearly instructed, antifederalist majority had been chosen. A week of debate in February, however, had raised enough doubts that a recess seemed prudent. By June 21, when eight other states had ratified, the mood had changed sufficiently to produce a narrow vote of 57-47 in favor of ratification.

Nine states had ratified; the Constitution was now in effect. Yet even now was not a time for celebration, for all knew that a

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"Washington Giving the Laws to America," Anonymous engraving, circa 1790. Prints Divison, The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations

Union without the states of Virginia or New York could not long survive. For three weeks, beginning on June 2, the Virginia debates went on, a host of distinguished delegates bringing the full force of their considerable intellects and persuasive powers to bear on the proposed document, line by line, paragraph by paragraph.

Patrick Henry spoke most eloquently for the antifederalist side. "Sir," he argued, "the American spirit, assisted by the ropes and chains of consolidation, is about to convert this country into a powerful and mighty empire. There will be no checks, no balances, in this government. What can avail your specious, imaginary balances, your rope-dancing, chain-rattling, ridiculous ideal checks and contrivances?" Rising to the moment, Henry challenged, "Who authorizes gentlemen to speak the language of We, the people, instead of We, the states? The people gave them no power to use their name." To Henry's rhetoric were added other substantive arguments:

the nation was too big for a republic; tyrannical, distant, uninformed majorities might usurp power; federal courts would render state courts powerless; the taxing power was vested in too remote a body.

James Madison made the federalist counter-argument. "Let it not be forgotten," he stated, there is a probability that that ignorance which is complained of in some parts of America will be continually diminishing. When the representatives from the different states are collected together, they will interchange their knowledge with one another.

But it was Governor Randolph who may have made the difference. An opponent of the Constitution in Philadelphia, the Governor now recognized that since so many states had already ratified the charter, and had been content with assurances that amendments would subsequently be added, he now supported ratification. In the end, the question turned on whether amendments (the Virginia convention proposed twenty) should precede or follow ratification. Enough delegates were persuaded by the sincerity of those federalists who promised to support subsequent amendments that, when the vote at last was taken, on June 25, Virginia, by 89-79, ratified.

The news from Virginia helped break the hold of antifederalism in New York, whose convention began in Poughkeepsie on June 17. Governor George Clinton led an antifederalist majority, which had so far successfully resisted the relentless onslaughts, intellectual and otherwise, of Alexander Hamilton and the New York federalists. It had been the New York convention for whom the series of Federalist essays, written by Hamilton, Madison, and John Jay under the pseudonym "Publius," had been intended. A full, eloquent, and persuasive elucidation of the federalist position and the arguments supporting it, the essays alone had not and probably could not have effected ratification.

No one knew that better than Hamilton, who hoped simply to delay a decision until word came from New Hampshire and Virginia. Even then, New York federalists faced long odds.

Finally, on July 26, Hamilton's principal opponent, Melancton Smith, made a motion to ratify, "in full confidence" that New York would be understood to retain certain state rights until such time as a new constitutional convention should be called to amend the present charter. A motion asserting the right of New York to withdraw from the Union if the amendments were not adopted was narrowly defeated.

The final vote on ratification of the Constitution was then taken, and the result was a narrow federalist victory, 30-27.

The promise of the preceding September had been fulfilled. The Constitution was a reality. As preparations for the orderly transfer of government began, the country, newly energized by the continental vision so eloquently represented by Hamilton, Madison, Jay, and the federalists, celebrated.

In many cities massive parades, called, symbolically, Federal Processions, involved hundreds of citizens. In New York, Major Pierre-Charles L'Enfant, the French officer who had served as a volunteer in the Continental Army, organized marching brigades of tailors, upholsterers, brewers, and others, each of whom in turn commemorated the occasion in a unique way. The tailors, for example, according to a contemporary account, marched under a "flag, 10 by 11 feet, field sky blue, a fine landscape—Adam and Eve represented naked, excepting fig leaves for aprons, nearly in full stature, in a sitting posture—motto , 'And they sewed fig leaves together.'" The brewers sat a young boy wearing a cap made of barley and hops atop a barrel containing 300 gallons of ale, "a silver goblet in his hand, drinking and huzzaing the whole day with the greatest cheerfulness."

But the grandest spectacle occurred in Philadelphia. A day-long Procession, beginning with a sunrise cannon salute from the ship *Rising Sun*, recounted with great pageantry the entire history of the Revolution. The highlight undoubtedly was the "Grand Federal Edifice," drawn by ten white horses, with 13 columns (not all complete) supporting a dome upon which sat the figure of Plenty. At the base of the Edifice was inscribed the motto "In Union the Fabric stands firm." By late afternoon the long parade had finally run its course, and a crowd estimated at 17,000 gathered on Union Green for speeches and toasts. James Wilson, his courage vindicated, was the principal speaker, and afterward toasts were drunk. Commenting with great satisfaction upon the day's events, Benjamin Rush, a physician and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "'Tis done. We have become a nation."

It had not been easy, nor was the struggle completely over. The beginnings, however, were promising, and the antifederalists made a contribution. Soon after the Virginia vote, some hotheads had urged Patrick Henry to organize resistance to the implementation of the constitution. The Virginia patriot would have none of it. He had done his best, he announced, "in the proper place," the convention. Now that the vote had been taken, the issue was decided. "As true and faithful republicans," he admonished, "you had all better go home."

Henry's magnanimity in defeat, especially since the defeat had been so narrow, inspired hope that the republican experiment might indeed succeed. George Washington, at least, quickly recognized the significant role played by the side that argued well but lost, reminding us that history's losers, too, are an important part of our common heritage. "Upon the whole," he noted, "I doubt whether the opposition to the Constitution will not ultimately be productive of more good than evil; it has called forth, in its defence, abilities which would not perhaps have been otherwise exerted that have thrown new light upon the science of Government; they have given the rights of man a full and fair discussion, and explained them in so clear and forcible a manner, as cannot fail to make a lasting impression."

Scholars are still much preoccupied with debating the degree to which the American Revolution may or may not have been "revolutionary." There are those who argue that, since certain social, economic, and political "givens" remained intact, it is incorrect to use the term "revolution" to describe the process by which the United States gained independence. There are others who insist that the American Revolution was chiefly a revolution of mind. Its transforming characteristics, it is argued, won't be found in the things that interested a Karl Marx, but, rather, in the words and deeds of those who believed—and acted on the belief in defiance of most conventional wisdom—that representative institutions, checking and balancing each other functionally, could work over the long term.

To make them work required a modesty about oneself that is not often associated with a revolutionary temperament. In the words and deeds of a Franklin, expressing a mature skepticism about his own and others' infallibility, and of a Henry, accepting the outcome of a vote, and of a Washington, recognizing the sincerity and significance of the views held by an opponent, we discern what one historian has called the "genius of American politics." The American Revolution is summarized by a constitution that for 200 years has allowed this genius to flourish.

No End of Brilliance

Seven Middlebury students get a taste of professional theatre—and the College-supported Potomac Theatre Project scores a summer hit in D.C.

By Jack Otter '87

My khakis and oxford shirt were soaked through with sweat. Ninety-five degree heat blanketed Washington, D.C. on July 7, the day of the first meeting and read-throughs for the cast and crew—professionals, as well as Middlebury students—in the Potomac Theatre Project's first summer season.

When I arrived at the small, underground room on Catholic University's campus that the company had rented as rehearsal space, the meeting had already broken up. I found myself standing, instead, before a petite blond woman who was trying to stretch a measuring tape around the stomach of a man whose waist could not possibly have been less than 60 inches.

The man's name, I would learn soon enough, was Jim Beard, an Equity actor and—not incidentally—a Vietnam veteran. Beard, who stood 5' 10" and an easy 300 pounds, would play the prosecutor's role in Daniel Berrigan's *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine*.

On the shuttle (it ran late) down from New York City, I'd been reading the play, along with some background on the Potomac Theatre Project, an independent group which had been founded by Middlebury faculty members Richard Romagnoli and Cheryl Faraone (with a third codirector named James Petosa, general manager of the National Players Touring Company). *Catonsville* is a courtroom drama based on the trial of peace activitists, including Berrigan brothers Daniel and Philip, who broke into a selective service office and burned draft files during the Vietnam War. The play was one of two works that the ensemble company would perform during a four-week run in August at the Castle Center for the Performing Arts, outside D.C. in Hyattsville, Maryland. The second play, Howard Barker's *No End of Blame*, was the not-entirely-fictional story of a Hungarian social critic and cartoonist named Bela Verachek, who travels for 60 years through the confused political vagaries of 20th-century Europe.

Both plays are decidedly "political" in nature. The press kit announced the Potomac Theatre Project's intention to perform works which illuminate "the nightmares and hoaxes by which we live," a phrase borrowed from Robert Brustein of the American Repertory Theatre. Talk to Romagnoli and Faraone for a few minutes about theatre, and you'll hear things like, "The best theatre says something

Alex Draper '88, far right, teamed with Equity actor Rob Emmet as Grigor Gabor and Bela Verachek in Howard Barker's No End of Blame.

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about the condition of man" (Romagnoli). They believe that theatre should be more politically challenging and socially relevant than most of the current fare offered on the big Broadway stages—even off-Broadway. They also believe that, properly done, socially relevant theatre can attract the audiences whose consciousness it hopes to raise.

The Potomac Theatre Project experiment in D.C. was to be a test of that conviction—and it would be a tough test. Opening night for *Catonsville* was August 5; for *No End of Blame*, August 12. The cast and crew would have less than a month to rehearse and prepare.

To complicate matters, this was no ordinary cast and crew. The company included four Equity actors and several other professionals. Jim Beard, a native of Washington, has been performing for ten seasons—over 2,000 Shakespeare performances—at the Folger Theatre, among other places. New York City-based Mary Chalon, a British-born actress with over 40 professional roles to her credit (including Emily Dickinson in *The Belle of Amherst*), arrived in D.C. from a run in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at the Virginia Stage. A regular member of New York's Pearl Theatre Company, Robert Emmet had appeared recently on daytime television's "All My Children" and "Another World." And Alan Wade, chairman of the theatre department at George Washington University, had recently performed the title role in *Uncle Vanya* for the Washington Stage Guild.

But five members of the acting ensemble were Middlebury students (or recent graduates)—En-jay Hall '87, Lynn Hawley '88, Alexander Draper '87, Solange Weinberger '89, and Dana Cormier '88. Two more students were with the front office staff—Daphne Gil '87, who would be assistant stage manager and assistant director, and Randy Kapelke '89, assistant to producer Faraone. All of the students were stars at the College, but this, they had been told by Romagnoli and Faraone, was the "real thing." They would have smaller roles, not the leads; they would still have to work harder and perform better, perhaps, than they had in their starring roles at the College. The reviewers would be from the *Washington Post*, not *The Campus*. Getting big audiences depended on getting good reviews. And paying the company's bills depended, to some degree, on getting big audiences.

Several of the students were friends of mine, in fact. Stepping around Jim Beard, I started to look for familiar faces. Among other things, I needed to borrow a couch for the night.

Several hours later, the scene is the Castle Restaurant in Hyattsville, Maryland.

At 5' 5" and about 110 pounds, Lynn Hawley might have been the smallest person in the restaurant that night. She was listening to Jim Beard, whose size alone, of course, made him seem bigger than life.

Beard was telling a story about the time that he donned a beaver suit and improvised a scene as Beaver O'Day for "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood." "If you can't get stage roles, act in commercials and soap operas," the professionals were telling the younger actors. "You can't learn to be an actor by waiting tables. Do whatever it takes to perform!"

Other advice was more immediate. When Alex Draper and Hawley asked for suggestions on which promotional photographs they should use, they got more than they bargained for. Draper showed his favorite to Equity actor Mary Chalon. "Don't use this one!" she told him, "You look like an arrogant snob. You look smart in this other one. Use it." Beard nixed Hawley's first choice too: "If you want to be a character actress you can't use this one. You look too beautiful. This one's better, much more versatile."

The professionals accepted the attention of the students graciously, offering advice on virtually any subject the students raised. On graduate school: "Its a good idea to go, but not until you've had a few years' experience. Unless of course you want to go to Juilliard—they like 'em young."

Do I need an agent?, asked one of the recent graduates: "Absolutely!"

It's 11 o'clock in the morning, and Randy Kapelke is trudging through the 98-degree Washington heat soliciting advertisers for the Potomac Theatre Project's playbill.

An actor who at Middlebury has played fast-talking salesman Richard Roma in David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Kapelke made his debut as an ad man this summer. As "assistant to the producer," he had numerous responsibilities on the business end of the operation. Kapelke's immediate task is to find enough sponsors to at least pay for printing the playbill. With luck, he smiles, he might make a few extra bucks for the company.

"One thing pisses me off more than anything," he is saying. "A no."

His first stop is Larry's Auto Service on Route 1A, across the street from the Castle theatre. A middle-aged man (presumably Larry) in overalls and no shirt greets the salesman with a grunt, looking around for the non-existent car. Kapelke offers Larry the opportunity to support a non-profit organization and reach an audience of 7,000. (7,000 tickets had been printed, 18 had been sold at that point). Larry seems interested in a $35 quarter-page Kapelke recommends, but he wants to look more closely at the flyer Kapelke had flashed. "The Catonsville Nine! You mean them radicals? The hell with that."

It was going to be a long day.

Kapelke's first act of the morning had been the brutal, flamethrower murder of three cockroaches (using a match and a can of Lysol spray) in a four-room Maryland apartment that had been affectionately dubbed the "Shagpad," because deep, pile carpets served as the roaches' jungle habitat. He and Solange Weinberger were sharing a rented apartment with two of Kapelke's high-school buddies who had summer jobs in Washington.

Then Kapelke had burned a bagel breakfast for five. Since the Shagpad had no toaster, he had used the oven—and misjudged. When covered with enough peanut butter, it should be noted, the bagels tasted fine.

The students considered breakfast—even bagels and peanut butter—to be something of a luxury. They were paid by the Potomac Theatre Project, but only $250 for two months' work.

Most of the Middlebury students had worked other jobs before the rehearsals started; Faraone and Romagnoli required that they hold to Actors' Equity rules, which don't allow another job during rehearsals. French-speaking Alex Draper had worked for NASA at an airshow in Paris, which, conveniently, ended right before he had to report to Washington. Another student gave notice only two weeks after starting her job as a secretary for a Canadian real-estate agency. "I was just offered a great role in a professional company!" she explained, "I can't pass it up." (That's what they get for hiring an actress.)

But although they worked in Middlebury for a month before moving to Washington, Daphne Gil and Dana Cormier claimed only to have eight dollars a week for food after paying for rent and transportation. Their lucky find was "Ramen" oriental noodles, which sell in packages of six for a dollar. (Faraone eventually decided to bend the rules a bit and was able to find them extra work, for a few more dollars, cleaning up after rehearsal and doing the company's laundry.)

These students have a flair for self-drama-

tization, of course. Gil, who lost 14 pounds during the summer while doing the sound for both shows and assisting Romagnoli, practically salivates as she tells a story: One day as she and Cormier put out the garbage in the alley behind the theatre after rehearsal, they saw Romagnoli feed the theatre cat an entire tuna fish sandwich.

Struggling a bit to make ends meet, the young theatre people were learning, was part of the "real thing." It was a few weeks into rehearsal, and Middlebury's students had so far learned that insects, hunger, and soap opera roles were the nightmares and hoaxes through which actors live.

While Kapelke pounded the hot pavement in search of funds, fellow Shagpad resident Weinberger was lying on the floor in the company's relatively cool (air conditioned) rehearsal space. She was rehearsing for her role: corpse in *No End of Blame*, which Richard Romagnoli was directing (he had directed the play on campus in the spring, with Draper in the lead).

Weinberger took her small role in *Blame*—she had a bigger one in *Trial*—in good spirit. "I'm not frustrated by the fact that I've got small roles," she says, "I mean I'm the youngest here. But I don't see why I have to lie there while they work!"

But having her lie there was important for Director Romagnoli. As he sees it, theatre is as much, perhaps more, a visual experience as an aural one—even in rehearsal.

When directing, Romagnoli expresses himself with his hands and intonation, as much as with vocabulary. A muscular man with black hair and dark skin, he drags out his syllables carefully, with a practiced (though not really affected) cultivation. "I want to *see* Bela's relationship with Grigor reflected by your positions on stage," he tells the actors.

Suddenly his attention is diverted. "Take five," he says, and hurries over to the shorter, softer, fair-skinned, dark-haired woman who has silently beckoned him from the doorway.

Cheryl Faraone, assistant professor of theatre at Middlebury and producer for the Potomac Theatre Project, speaks to her husband in low tones, but her eyebrows are expressive. Faraone is more succinct than Romagnoli, but then she has to be. Her concern at the moment is money, not sensibilities.

She breaks the conversation for a moment to stop a passerby—"Ellen, get those publicity photos to the *Post* today!"

Faraone and Romagnoli came to Middlebury last year as a husband-and-wife team. After ten years of running the New York Theatre Studio, they decided that Manhattan was becoming too expensive not only for them, but also for the young writers whose work they were producing. So they moved to Middlebury where, for instance, they've already produced Britisher Snoo Wilson's *Soul of the White Ant* and Caryl Churchill's *Cloud Nine*.

But around midyear, they made a proposal to the College. Working with Jim Petosa, a third co-director of the New York Theatre Studio who had resettled in D.C., Faraone and Romagnoli had decided to reopen their theatre company for the summer at a new location and under a new name, the Potomac Theatre Project of the New York Theatre Studio. If Middlebury provided some financial support, they would invite students to join as members.

What they had in mind was a very different kind of educational theatre venture. With a go-ahead from the College, they sought a special agreement from the Actors' Equity Association to allow students to earn Equity union points by working with professionals "side by side on stage."

Working in the Washington area was a return to old haunting grounds for Faraone and Romagnoli; they met, in fact, as graduate students at Catholic University. Romagnoli still remembers the moment. Faraone spoke up in class with a vigorous criticism of something he'd said, and they went for coffee after class.

Washington had other attractions: cheaper rents for one thing, and, they hoped, greater political consciousness and, therefore, a large potential audience.

While there are definitely practical concerns in running a theatre company, Faraone has a philosophical and idealistic backbone. Putting students and professionals side by side on stage, she feels, the Potomac Theatre Project is attacking—albeit in a small way—an important problem in contemporary theatre.

The Potomac Theatre Project's press kit includes an editorial by Peter Zeisler, director of the Theatre Communications Group, which appeared in *American Theatre* (December 1986). Zeisler argues that economic constraints have forced American theatres and producers into a vicious circle in which they spend all their money on low-risk, high-glitz shows, and no money on training programs to nurture young artists. The schools, in turn, emphasize soap opera and commercial training. The lack of young professionals with good conservatory training further encourages theatres to sacrifice

You can't learn to be an actor by waiting tables," the professionals told the students. "Do whatever it takes to perform!"

Solange Weiberger '89 played the role of Mrs. Murphy (from left) and En-jay Hall '87 played Marjorie Melville, on trial for the destruction of draft records, in The Trial of the Catonsville Nine. *Equity actor Mary Chalon (standing) is the Defense Attorney .Other cast members included David Canaway, Equity actor Robert Emmet, and Patrick Kennedy.*

Rob Emmet tossed a roll of Starburst candies to each of the actors: "Here's to a burst of stardom by everyone tonight."

In the Potomac Theatre Project's Catonsville Nine, *the students provided the fiery youthful idealism that helped bring the play alive. The combined cast of students and professionals included, from left: David Canaway, Richard Thompson, En-jay Hall '87, Alan Wade, Laura Giannarelli, Robert Emmet, Patricia Kennedy, Matthew Bretz, and Alex Draper '88.*

artistic originality and integrity for commercial promise.

Soon, Romagnoli and Faraone finish their discussion.

"Places for Act one, Scene one," announces Romagnoli, "where we left off."

Solange Weinberger snuffs out her cigarette and carefully arranges her sundress before lying down, dead.

When Faraone and Romagnoli conceived of their plan for putting students and professional onstage together, the hope was that the students and professionals would work together as peers. And so for the most part, they treated the students, the Equity actors, and the non-Equity professionals as equals.

But not completely equals. All five students selected as actors for the company performed in at least one of the plays. But unlike the other actors, the students were given some production responsibilities. For Alex Draper, who had a major role in *Blame* and a substantial role in *Trial*, that only meant working the fog machine for the opening scene of *Trial*. Lynn Hawley acted in *Blame* and did sound for *Trial*; Dana Cormier performed in both plays and helped with properties for both.

Solange Weinberger and En-jay Hall had wardrobe duty. For Weinberger, who was in both shows, this was not a big inconvenience. But for Hall, who had been cast only in *Trial* (she began rehearsals with Petosa's National Players Touring Company in August), it meant being at every performance of *No End of Blame* simply to shag costumes.

On the other hand, the Equity actors also accepted reponsibilities they would not accept in a normal, union situation. They carried their own costumes back and forth to their dressing rooms, for example, whenever possible.

The Equity actors were paid better than they students; still, according to Emmet, they were being paid "less than they would have collected from unemployment." (They were provided with a car and housing, however).

Working with the "Equities" impressed the students in many ways. "Just look around the room," Dana Cormier said one night at rehearsal during a break, marvelling at the concentration and hard work of the professionals. "Jim is on stage going through his blocking. Mary is talking to the director. All the non-Equities are fooling around."

This summer's experience, says Cormier, will change the way he acts at Middlebury. "I think we'll all work with a bit more intensity. I know I'm going to try to be more daring in rehearsal. The professionals are so gutsy. They do a lot of weird things with the lines, but some of the risks turn out to work really well."

Anything else that will be different when he returns to Middlebury? "Yeah, I'll want a car and housing."

The mix of experience and youth was important to the productions at hand. For *Trial*, Director Jim Petosa encouraged the older actors to share their experiences of the Vietnam War in order to help the Middlebury students, who were about seven years old when the war ended. On the other hand, the professionals felt that the students energized the group with some of the youthful idealism necessary for the roles of anti-war protestors.

When Cormier wanted some feedback on a scene in which he had to shoot (a replica of) an M16 and then die, he went to Jim Beard, who had led a platoon in Vietnam and now runs a theatre company for Vietnam veterans. As he played the role, Beard suggested, Cormier should keep in mind that a soldier, knowing what a gun can do, is as afraid of his weapon as he is proud of it.

This advice might have been given over dinner (and a few beers) at Colonel Brooks restaurant or Jerry's sub shop near the rehearsal space. Rehearsals ran from 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon, and then 7:00 to 10:30 in the evening; the cast would often take dinner together, in large and small groups. Once the performances began, in the watering holes at the Castle Center complex (a renovated armory, with offices as well as restaurants and a theater, which is called "The Castle" because, well, it looks like a castle), the actors—students and professionals—could often be found having a drink after the show. And sometimes smaller groups ventured out to Georgetown.

It's the final dress rehearsal for *Trial*, and there are problems with the opening scene, a surreal combat tableau added to the original play by director Petosa to liven up the actionless courtroom.

Dana Cormier stalks the fog-covered stage in fatigues, his face painted for guerilla warfare. Cormier's newfound love/hate relationship with his M16 is beautifully communicated. Tension mounts as he and his assault rifle fight the fog. He aims and whirls wildly, in all directions, searching for Viet Cong.

But after a while it became a bit dull. The scene had to be repeated three times before the recorded machine gun fire burst in at the

right moment, killing Cormier.

There were other problems: some cast members were a bit worried when they noticed that Equity actress Mary Chalon was reading her lines on stage, 24 hours before the lights would go up for real. At least she was playing a lawyer, so it appeared that she was checking her brief, not her script.

Still, you know what they say: Bad dress rehearsal, great opening night.

Outside the Shagpad, big black clouds were rolling in and the humidity that no one thought could increase was increasing. The rumble started from the direction of the White House and accelerated toward the apartment, exploding in a thunderous crack which sent the roaches scurrying for cover.

The first storm of the season arrived on opening night. Was it an omen or an inconvenience?

Weinberger had been saving a delicate white sundress for the opening night reception. "And it choses today to pour!" she lamented. She opted for an extravagance; a cab to the theatre would keep her out of the rain.

At 7:40 pm the house opened at the Castle Center for the Performing Arts. The first audience members filed into the 200-seat theatre, carefully avoiding the leaks in the roof. (Throughout the night a rythmic "kerplunk" was just audible as the water fell into strategically placed ashtrays.)

Downstairs in the "green room" (the actors' lounge), Rob Emmet strolled in and tossed a roll of Starburst candies to each of the actors: "Here's to a burst of stardom by everyone tonight."

Emmet's Starburst candy worked. The Potomac Theatre Project's first season was a big hit.

"No End of Brilliance," Washington's *City Paper* headlined its review of *No End of Blame*. (A few months later, in its annual "best and worst" of D.C. list, the Potomac Theatre Project was listed as the best new theatre company of the year). Of some importance, perhaps—the reviewer got the point: "Compared with what most D.C. stages serve up, Potomac Theatre Project's production is so heady a mix of politics, sex, imagery, and hallucinatory wordplay that you'd be forgiven for simply going into shock from experiencing so much intellectual stimulation in one evening."

Critics like Joe Brown of the *Washington Post* expressed unabashed—and unexpected—joy at having such a talented political theatre troupe pop up in the D.C. area. Commenting on *Trial*, Brown applauded "a young cast that seems to burn with idealism." The company made Berrigan's play, even with its recognized failings of plot, what it can be in its best performances—"a gripping agitprop theatre piece."

Performers are taught to maintain a certain disdain for reviews, in good times and bad. As Stage Manager John Lescault explained, "Reviews are dangerous because if they're bad people believe them, and if they're good people believe them."

But the good reviews brought out the audiences. After some disappointing numbers in the first week or so, the final week yielded sold out houses. Faraone and Romagnoli added four performaces of *No End of Blame*, partly to qualify for the local Helen Hayes theatre awards (which require a minimum of 16 performances and will be announced in the spring). They were invited by at least one downtown theatre owner to move the show and continue the run. But the cast was ready to move on; the students had to return to school. Besides, Faraone says, "It's better to leave them wanting more."

(This fall, however, Romagnoli and Faaone were making plans for a second season. Doug Sprigg of the Middlebury theatre department will direct one of the shows, and the Project will try for a downtown D.C. location.)

It's Act one, Scene four of *No End of Blame*, and the set is a park in Stalin's Moscow before World War II.

Grigor the artist—played by Middlebury student Alex Draper—stands silently in his wire rimmed glasses and brown suit. Grigor thought of it as a suit, anyway; the pants and jacket didn't quite match.

Another art student named Ilona—played by D.C. professional Laura Giannarelli—prances around the stage in a tight skirt and sweater. The outline of her full figure stands out sharply against the stark, violet set.

Draped in an Hungarian officer's coat, Bela Verachek, the third member of the love triangle, stalks Grigor from upstage. Bela is a cartoonist whose travels through—and philosphical musings upon—20th-century European politics make up the play's basic plot.

Grigor, a painter who cares only for art, not politics, is at odds throughout the play with cartoonist Bela, who cares mainly about politics. The artist wants his friends to go the woods with him and paint; Bela wants to stay close to the society he lives to criticize.

When Grigor tries to speak, his words are drowned out by badgering from Bela. He prods and pokes the bespectacled Grigor with words as well as fingers, laughing in the face of his idealism.

Suddenly frustration bursts out as Grigor explodes: "Nobody wants to listen to me. Everybody wants to talk! Nobody hears what I say: Everyone wants to be clever, and no one wants to be wise!"

Director Romagnoli chose to perform *No End of Blame*, he had told the company, because of the many levels on which the work could be interpreted. Grigor, therefore, might have been commenting on American politics, for in the nearby Capitol, Oliver North was being very clever with his patriotic platitudes in defense of policies that, most people seemed to agree, had not been terribly wise. Or Grigor could have been talking about the state of New York theatre, in which *Starlight Express* plays Broadway while politically relevant or intellectually stimulating productions must rely on the goodness of Joe Papp to survive off-off-Broadway.

On the other hand, according to actor Draper, Grigor wasn't being profound at all: "I just wanted them to shut up."

One night after a performance of *No End of Blame*, Dana Cormier was gathering up laundry in the dressing room when Romagnoli called him into his office. "Matt Bretz is sick," said the director. "Be prepared to take his first-act roles tomorrow night."

The call came at noon the next day: Cormier was definitely needed.

In addition to his backstage duties and his regular roles as a corpse and a member of a crowd scene, he would be a Hungarian soldier, a Russian gardener planting lilies, ("Comrade Stalin's favorite plant"), and a Soviet censor. As the soldier he was involved in a scuffle, and he had to throw a rifle across the stage. The role of censor was substantial, requiring fast-paced dialogue with the Equity actors (Bela the cartoonist does not agree with Stalinist censorship).

At five o'clock Cormier was given an hour to rehearse.

Cormier had no time for any Ramen noodles that night. But he did not drop any guns or miss any lines. Stage Manager Lescault told him that him that for the first time in the run of the show, the laughs of the audience came at the right moments during the censorship scene.

Two nights later, Bretz—a young D.C. professional—regained his health and took back his roles. But not before presenting comrade Cormier with a well-earned lily.

The campus that might have been

For over 40 years, Middlebury's women students were officially enrolled in a separate college. But that institution existed—like its campus—primarily on paper.

By Mary Ruth Yoe

One generally thinks of maps and plans as tools to help you get from here *to* wherever you're going. But a set of historical campus "master plans" assembled for this fall's Johnson Gallery exhibit "Building Middlebury" explain a little bit about how the College has arrived where it is today *from* where it was. Specifically, the plans tell the story of Middlebury's 40 years as a "coordinate" institution, an attempt to create separate colleges for men and women at Middlebury.

The paper trail of the women's college that never made it off the drawing board begins with enrollment records for the fall of 1901. That year, 19 women, compared to 16 men, entered the freshman class at Middlebury College. The explanation, on the face of it, was simple; female students greatly outnumbered male graduates of Vermont's college preparatory programs.

But 20 years after the first three women scholars enrolled in 1883, it appeared to many male students—and the College's trustees—that coeducation at Middlebury was working almost too well. Many, writes David Stameshkin in *The Town's College: Middlebury, 1800-1915*, believed that the College was on its way to becoming a women's institution.

And so in December 1902, the College announced a decision that—although never fully executed—would shape planning for the next 40 years. The trustees approved a proposal to establish the Women's College at Middlebury. Under a "coordinate" system (modeled after Brown and Pembroke), women would take the same courses, taught by the same professors, as the men, with equal access to classrooms and laboratories. But they would be enrolled in separate schools.

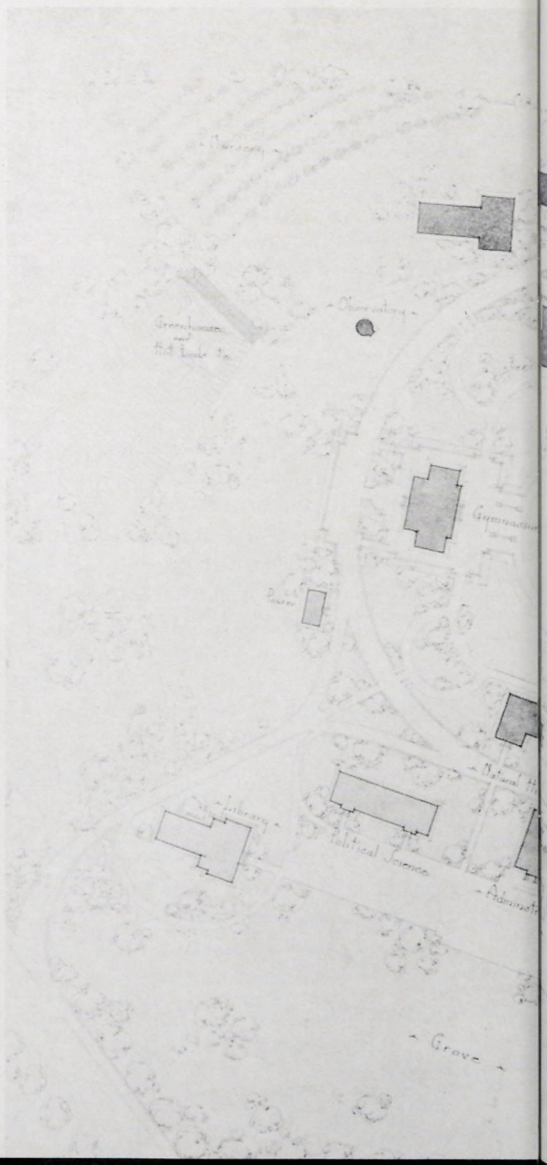
The plan got off to a slow start. For five years, historian Stameshkin writes, the women's college stayed "primarily on paper."

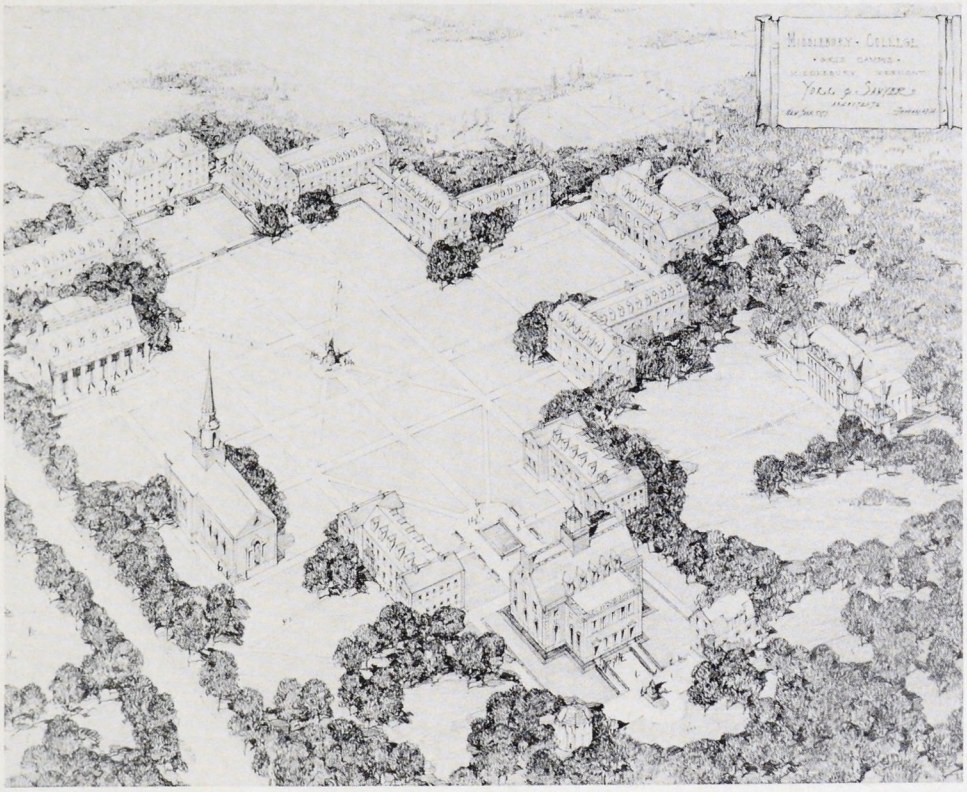
In 1908, John Martin Thomas (Class of 1890) became Middlebury's president. Finding what he pronounced a "feeble" institution, he promptly set about turning it into "a strong New England College." The already strong New England colleges, he argued, were male institutions; Thomas favored the coordinate system.

In 1909, Joseph Battell donated 35 acres of land and several buildings to his alma mater, north of and adjacent to the original College property. New York City architect Nicholas Albertson was commissioned to create a master plan for coordinate men's and women's campuses (bottom right).

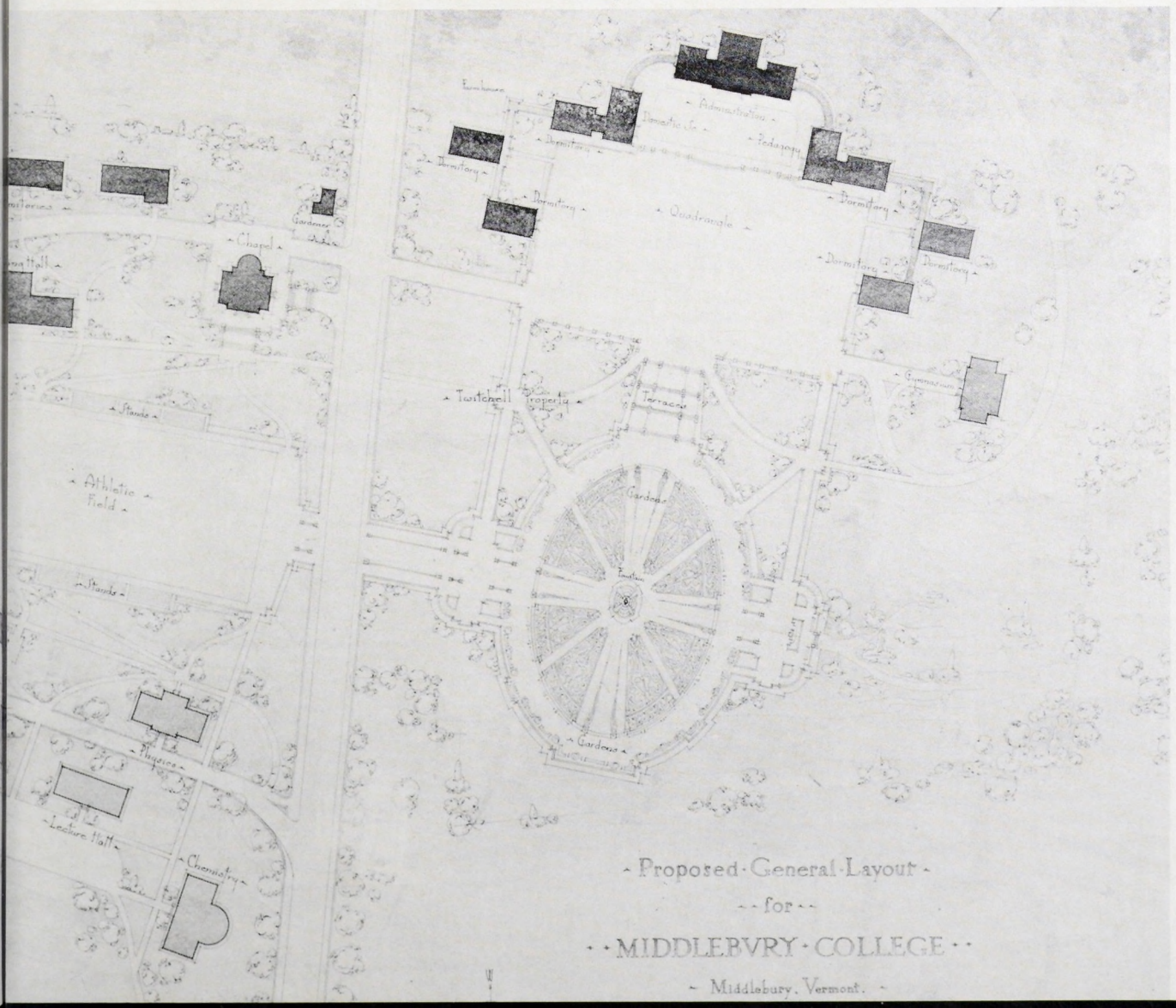
Separated along the east-west axis by College Street, Albertson's two campuses were quite different. Influenced by Frederick Law Olmsted's view of the campus as an ideal village, the men's campus clustered buildings in varying styles, balancing them against large, open areas and playing fields.

In contrast, the women's campus re-





Architect Nicholas Albertson created the first master plan for separate men's and women's campuses in 1909 (below). On the women's campus, only Pearsons Hall (1911) was built—and for many years it was, by itself, the women's college. On the men's side, McCullough Gymnasium (1912) was situated according to Albertson's plan, but Voter Hall (1913) was built to close off the men's quadrangle. The 1931 plan of York and Sawyer (left and cover) drew heavily from Colonial elements made popular as reconstruction work continued at Williamsburg. The Chateau (1925), it appears, didn't quite fit into the plan; York and Sawyer hide it behind their main quadrangle.



flected an elegant architectural style known as City Beautiful. Albertson took into account the striking views of the Adirondacks and Green Mountains: the buildings, joined by covered arcades, were arranged in a formal, three-sided quad, on the hill's crest, looking down toward an elliptical French garden.

Only three buildings made it to construction: McCullough Gymnasium and Voter Hall on the men's campus, Pearsons Hall for the women. The imposing marble structure of Pearsons corresponded to Albertson's administration building and was to be the new campus's cornerstone. In fact, for many years after its construction in 1910-11, it *was* the women's campus—housing 62 women, a social hall, a suite for the Dean of Women, and an exercise room and laundry in the basement. (The women ate in a converted farmhouse, Battell Cottage, now known as Adirondack House.)

A decade later, when Paul D. Moody succeeded Thomas as College president in 1921, segregation of men and women had actually progressed very little since 1902. Moody made a renewed call for segregation of the sexes. Middlebury's women students were decidedly superior to its men, he argued. The College's coeducational status made it inferior in the eyes of many men, and thus kept some good men from applying. What's more, on the other hand, Moody said, women would "never have a square deal" at Middlebury until they had a college of their own.

Like Thomas, Moody was convinced that the only way to achieve for Middlebury the prestige of such men's colleges as Williams, Dartmouth, and Amherst, was through a coordinate system, and he doggedly pursued his goal. Over the objections of many alumnae and faculty members, the president began to segregate the sexes: by 1925, professors were asked to teach separate sections of the same courses for men and women, a procedure at least some faculty found "wasteful and unsound."

Even less comprehendable, perhaps, was the timing of the College's announcement—in June 1930, less than a year after the Great Crash—of plans to begin a $2 million campaign which would finally endow and build on the still undeveloped women's college site. Moody moved confidently, inviting York and Sawyer, the architects who had expanded Starr Library in 1927-28, to develop a new masterplan of the women's campus. In their ambitious 1931 design (previous page, cover), Pearsons Hall would be joined by ten new buildings, to form a complete women's school, complete with its own chapel, library, classrooms, and gymnasium. With its formal quadrangle and intersecting paths, its use of red brick, and abundance of chimneys, cupolas, dormers, and gambrel roofs, the York and Sawyer plan was strongly reminiscient of colonial Williamsburg, whose massive reconstruction had begun just five years earlier.

The idea of using Virginia's red brick, perhaps, did not go over well in Vermont (where, as President Thomas had once pointed out to a doubting donor, "Marble is very cheap"). In 1933, the College commissioned another masterplan for the women's campus (lower right), this one designed by a New York architect named Dwight James Baum. Baum specialized in grand homes (including the Ringling Mansion in Sarasota, Florida). Like York and Sawyer, he proposed a huge, closed quadrangle, one which maintained at least some elements of the Colonial Revival. Opposite Pearsons would be a chapel (on the site of the present Johnson Building). A library marked the cross-axis from the men's campus on the other side of College Street. The buildings were of stone.

The Baum scheme was much more to the College's liking—despite an estimated cost of over $3 million—and, in 1935, the board approved the plan. A year later, Middlebury even asked Herbert Kellaway of Boston to develop a landscaping plan (upper left) for the proposed campus.

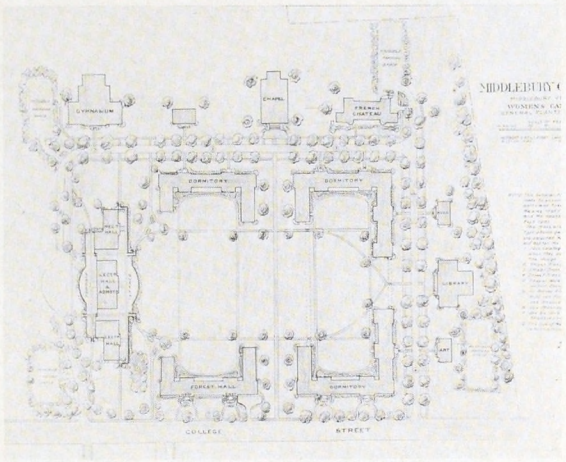
By 1936, one Baum building had already been constructed. In 1933, Middlebury sold the National Forest Service 22,000 acres of the 30,000-acre mountain estate bequeathed the College by Joseph Battell. The land brought $400,000, much of which went to build an appropriately named Forest Hall.

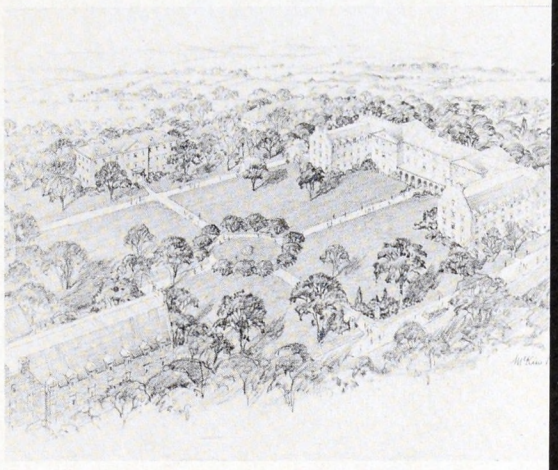
But after the addition of Forest Hall (and a women's infirmary in 1937), the women's campus was ignored. The College tried once again, on a drastically reduced scale, to develop the women's campus; in 1945 the well-known firm of McKim, Mead, and White was hired to provide a more realistic scheme (upper right). Working from Baum's plan, they reduced his grand quadrangle of four dormitories, chapel, library, gymnasium, and academic buildings to a three-sided quadrangle less than half as large: it required only a duplicate of Forest Hall and the addition of formal paths and planting.

Even this was not pursued. By the late 1940s, outright coeducation was again the order of the day, and the idea for a women's college ceased to exist—except on paper.

The Christian A. Johnson Gallery exhibition "Building Middlebury" was curated by Glenn Andres, professor of art. Credit for research goes to students in a Spring 1987 "Seminar in Modern Architecture." In particular, William Bentley '88 searched the College archives and other offices to uncover materials on "The Unbuilt Middlebury." Another source for this article—and the exhibition—was work done by David Stameshkin, author of The Town's College. *The second volume of Stameshkin's history is scheduled to appear in 1989. When not on exhibit, the "master plans" reside in the archives in Starr Library.*

In 1935, architect Dwight James Baum proposed a huge, closed quadrangle (below) for the women's college, using Vermont stone but making reference to the Colonial styles. A 1936 landscaping plan for the Baum campus (right) shows at least one change; the chapel and library have swapped locations. McKim, Mead, and White offered a pared down version of the Baum plan in 1945 (far right).





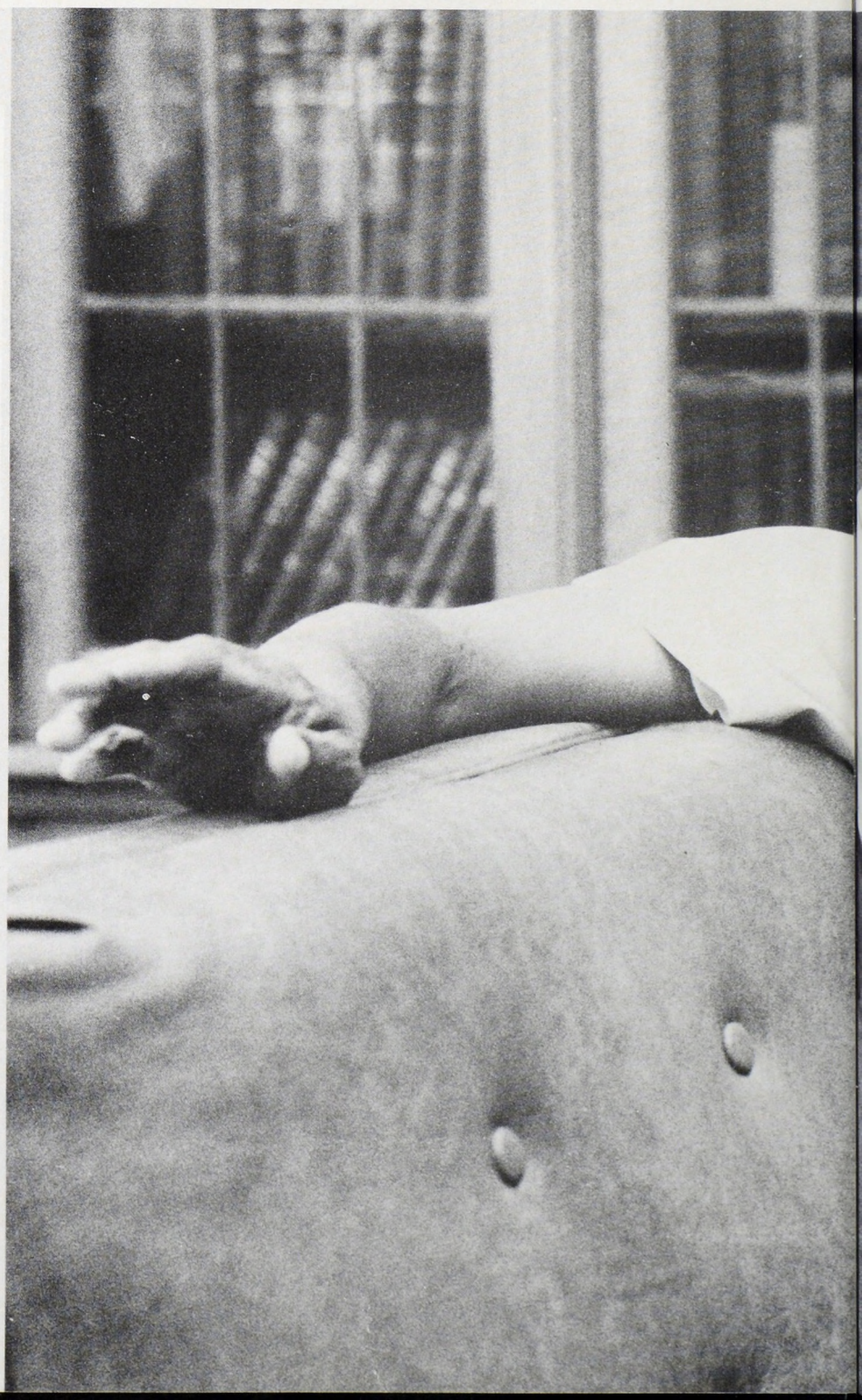
For West Point's new Commandant, Brig. General Fred Gorden (MA '69 Spanish), there's more to military discipline than showing repect.

By Joe Levine

He's the take charge type

On a sunny September afternoon, Brigadier General Fred A. Gorden, newly appointed Commandant of Cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, is musing over the issue of discipline. "Some would say discipline is punishment," he says leaning back in his office chair, a slim, muscular man of 47. Behind him, weighing his words in stern silence, are the busts of three of his predecessors, fellows by the name of Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Patton. "And certainly punishment is a well-codified option in the corps. You can put a cadet on report or withdraw his privileges for a variety of infractions and delinquencies associated with conduct. But I tend to think of discipline as 'additional mentoring'; that is, if good conduct results from training, then a failure of conduct is due to a training shortage. It becomes our responsibility to fill that training void."

If such a philosophy of West Point justice has an unexpectedly mild ring to it, perhaps Gorden should be viewed as a symbol of the "new" West Point. In the academy's 185-year history, he is the first black to serve as



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Commandant, a three-year post which, along with the academic deanship, ranks second at the institution after that of Superintendant. His jurisdiction covers all aspects of the cadets' physical and military education, everything from intramural athletics to the summer combat training programs that take upperclassmen as far away as Alaska and the jungles of Panama.

A decorated Vietnam veteran who has served administratively in Washington, Gorden also fits in well with the more enlightened image the academy has successfully projected in recent years. West Point received about 14,500 applications last year for roughly 1,350 spaces, in contrast to 1972, when it was unable to fill its class with qualified applicants. The Reagan-era return to national pride in the military clearly accounts for some of this upswing in young men and women hoping to "be all that they can be," but so, too, may the abandonment of certain archaic practices that come under the general heading of discipline. For instance, West Point's six-week basic training program for freshmen cadets used to be known as "Beast Barracks." Now, at least in official parlance, it is called "New Cadet Training." "The Beast has been de-fanged," Gorden says. "The old vestiges of hazing are gone, and we like to think of the program as simply demanding, not demeaning. In the past, there were some aspects that could legitimately have been called demeaning."

Gorden did not personally preside over the de-fanging of The Beast, but in general disapproves of "a tyrannical, draconian mode of discipline." "American fighting men are imbued with democratic ideas and values, and aren't likely to respond to that kind of harshness," he says. "My broader view is that we should talk about discipline in the context of the military profession. If I were training an artist, I'd teach him to

study the great artists. Here, we emulate the qualities of the great military men." He gestures behind to his silent companions. "In the military, discipline *is* training." Military preparedness, Gorden says, is the key to understanding some of those hard-to-understand aspects of life that do persist within the walls of West Point. Why, after all, must first-year cadets (known as "plebes") observe such customs as "squaring corners" (literally, taking the longer, L-shaped route between two points) when finding themselves in the path of an upperclassman? Is there really a value in their committing to memory an entire volume of such dos and don'ts—a volume so thick that the typical plebe leaves for morning class ten minutes early, lest a superior should catch him with unshined shoes or cap worn wrong-way-round?

Yes, says Gorden. It is all a matter of conditioning the right instincts for battle situations. But what difference do shined shoes make in the midst of jungle combat? Well, it's not always specific behaviors learned at West Point that are going to make the difference later on. What really counts is the development of minds and temperaments capable of rapid-fire response under the most intense kind of pressure. "It's kind of like weight-lifting," one third-year cadet explains. "If you've never done it before, and then suddenly you're given a big weight, you're not going to be able to lift it. Similarly, if you've never experienced a lot of stress, and then suddenly you're on a battlefield with four guys asking you, What do we do, sir?, you're going to tie up." He grins. "You know that stress scale they use to measure the effect of big life events, like marriage, and death, and changing your job? Well, they teach us in one of our courses here that your first day at West Point scores double off the scale."

How does the new Commandant translate this kind of thinking into a day-to-day modus operandi for meting out justice? Gorden thiks about the question, then offers an example: "Let's suppose that, for whatever reason, a cadet doesn't salute one of his superiors. I'll say to him, 'All right, tell me what you know about saluting—why do we do it?' If he's like most, he'll probably give the programmed answer: 'The failure to salute manifests disrespect.' 'I understand that,' I'll say, 'but why is it *important*?' And he'll probably get hung up repeating the same idea: 'Well, if I fail to salute, I'm not showing respect.' "

Gorden smiles and shakes his head, and one can well imagine the discomfort of the unfortunate cadet. But the "additional training," when finally delivered, is not cruel—only memorable. "I'll say, 'No, the point is that if you fail to recognize and acknowledge me at that kind of distance, I'm going to have serious concerns about your instinctive responses in other combat situations.' And then I'd go on to describe, in very careful detail, just how his body would end up being carried out in a body bag. Because you see, he understands that a whole lot better than all this stuff about respect."

Clearly one of Gorden's strong qualifications for this job is his own combat experience. He trained as a Ranger, the elite Army corps who parachute behind enemy lines on reconnaisance missions. He fought in Korea and Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star with a V (other military decorations include the Legion of Merit, and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf). Most recently, he was also assistant division commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California.

But mere combat ability has never been the whole story at West Point. Officers trained at the academy represent an unofficial elite within the military; they eventually comprise nearly 40 percent of the Army's generals. "We're trying to train people here to be leaders," Gorden says, and points again at the statuesque trinity with whom he shares his office. "Those guys are the ideal."

Gorden himself certainly bears the stamp of this world. He graduated from West Point in 1962—the only black in his class—and was subsequently tapped by the powers that be to return for a three-year stint as an instructor of Spanish. (Only a small percentage of the West Point faculty are career academics. Most are Army men, passing through on assignment.) Accordingly, he was shipped off to get a master's degree in the language from Middlebury—a summer on campus and a year in Spain.

The training would shape his career beyond the duration of his West Point instructorship; in 1986, he completed a two-year assignment in Washington, D.C., as director of the inter-American region for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. In that job, Gorden dealt with issues such as narcotics, foreign debt, and security assistance in more than 30 countries, most of them Spanish-speaking, in Central and South America and the Caribbean. He won rave reviews, particularly as a communicator. "He really had a superb grasp of the range of issues, and consistently made himself part of the solution rather than part of the problem," says the Pentagon's Ginny Abrams, a former regional policy analyst under Gorden. "He's the most professional member of the military I've ever worked with."

Perhaps communication is the best description for one of the tasks that now faces Gorden. While he seems decidedly weary of the media hoopla over his being West Point's first black Commandant, he'll nevertheless be keeping "a finger on the pulse" of race and gender issues at the academy. "There is no question in my mind that, with women now representing 10 percent of the corps of cadets, and black students roughly 8 percent, the academy has made tremendous strides in integrating both groups," he says. "My job will be to keep talking with black and female cadets—really, with *all* cadets—and make sure that the quality of integration is keeping pace with the growth in numbers."

On the whole, Gorden seems more concerned with the integration of women, which began in 1976. It's not the West Point hasn't received women well, he says, but the issue of separate standards—and there are only a few, mostly in the area of contact athletics—is a sensitive one. "We don't want to label women as a 'minority,' because then we'll fall into the trap of thinking of them that way," he says. "But then, that's true of blacks and all groups."

Like many military assignments, the Commandant's position is a temporary one, lasting three years. Just now, Gorden says, he isn't doing much looking down the road. "I'm the kind of guy who focuses on what he's doing right here and now, and that approach hasn't failed me yet," he says. "It's the same for an officer as it is for the cadets here: you demonstrate to people your capacity to handle an assignment, and you let them make their assessments about what you're ready to do next."

On the other hand, it doesn't seem to hurt to let people know you're ambitious. When Gorden became a Brigadier General in 1985, he named the three assignments he most desired. Tops on the list was the Commandant position, but Gorden was given the Fort Ord command instead. Nine months later, though, he got the call to come to West Point. So, yes, he does have his sights quietly set on the next rung. If promoted to the rank of Major General, he'd like to command one of the Army's 18 active-duty divisions. "There are about 200 Brigadier Generals in the Army and only one Commandant at West Point, so I figure that if I beat those odds, I might wind up with a division. Besides," he adds, smiling, "I like soldiers."

That point seems clear enough.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Erik Borg

A roundup of the autumn season, with reports on Alumni College and Homecoming

MIDD UPDATE

Erik Borg

Homecoming '87 brings alumni Full Circle

It had snowed the previous two weekends—but on Homecoming Saturday the weather showed up sunny and warm.

Saturday morning began with a meeting of the Alumni Council at Bread Loaf. Highlight of the meeting, as it is every year, was Pardon Tillinghast's account of what's happening at the College. This year's subjects included: new construction, using the new computerized library, the new telephone system, curriculum changes, and parking problems on campus (among other things).

Previous page: For the ninth year, the old guys won the student vs. alumni soccer game (see story, next page). Above: President Robison gives Vermont Senator Robert Stafford '35 a 1987 Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming.

Later in the day, alumni and students ran in a three kilometer race. There was an alumni golf tournament. The varsity field hockey team beat an alumnae squad, 3-1. A group of alumnae took on the varsity women's tennis team. And Elizabeth Dore, Dana Faculty Fellow in History, gave a presentation on the history of Nicaragua (Nicaraguan history, not surprisingly, explains a lot about current U.S-Nicaragua relations).

Meanwhile, football beat Bates, 21-7, and soccer shut out Wesleyan, 2-0.

Of special interest: The Black Student Union held a reception and dinner—attended by President Olin Robison—for returning minority alumni. The BSU was also sponsor of a Mead Chapel concert performance by "Full Circle," the Boston-based jazz band which includes Middlebury alumni Karl Lundeberg '81 and Phil Hamilton '82.

Also of interest: The "almost undefeated" (they were 7-0 until they lost their final game to Union) 1948 Middlebury College football team gathered for a reunion, and they got a chance to practice their gameday jog when they were introduced at midfield during half-time.

Finally, Homecoming provides the occasion for presenting the annual Alumni Achievement Awards. Four alumni were honored this year, selected by the Middlebury College Alumni Association for "contributions to society." This year's recipients were: Raymond Ablondi '52, director of marketing research for Ford Motor Company; Marcia Hanson Stigum '56, author and money market specialist; Robert Stafford '35, former governor of Vermont, former U.S. Congressman, and currently U.S. Senator from Vermont; and Donald Yeomans '64, comet specialist and astrophysicist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Profiles of Ablondi, Stigum, and Yeomans appear in this issue of the magazine, near the columns for their class years. A longer story about Senator Stafford is under way for a future issue of the magazine.

The old guys win again

For the ninth consecutive year, the old guys beat the varsity in the alumni soccer game, 2-0.

The alumni, it should be noted, play rough—particularly Michael Noonan '84. The students—who have an

FROM THE MCAA

Message from your MCAA president about revising the constitution

A year ago, I reported to you on the exciting new growth that has been taking place in the alumni association over the past several years. Based on the 1985 report of the MCAA's ad hoc Committee on Long Range Planning, a gradual expansion of alumni activities was undertaken to respond to our growing national alumni body.

Our specific plan called for the development of regional alumni chapters. The MCAA has now formally enrolled six regional groups in our chapter development program: Boston, Hartford, Denver, Philadelphia, Washington DC, and Midd-Vermont.

With this developing national emphasis, it is timely that we review the MCAA constitution. Last revised in 1980, the constitution provides the governing principles on which the MCAA operates. I have appointed an ad hoc Committee on the Constitution which will be meeting during the academic year with the intent of bringing a proposal to Alumni Council in May for a vote.

Members of the ad hoc committee include: Frances R. Hall '57 (chair), Churchill Franklin '71, Lester Ingalls '41, William Kieffer '64, Breck Lardner '60, Hugh Marlow '57, John Myhre '78, Patricia Judah Palmer '57, Kyle Prescott '49, and Curt Viebranz '75. We invite you to contact a member of the committee with any ideas you may have regarding the governance of the association. It's *your* MCAA!

—Frankie Hall '57, MCAA president

Good alumni programming means more than wine and cheese

In France it is known as "Formation continue." In the U.S. it is called "continuing education." In any language, it is an exciting idea whose time has come.

The Middlebury College Alumni Association and the College (through the alumni office) have made a firm

entire season ahead of them—don't always appreciate it. "But then," says defensive back Scott Hirschfield '90, "you say to yourself, Noonan was a three-time All-American."

In other words, the game has become an annual lesson in the Middlebury tradition of aggressive soccer.

Monkeying around at the Alumni College

"A considerable amount of the calories your body burns go into making the messages of cellular development," explains Margaret O'Brien, assistant professor of biology—and an instructor at the Bread Loaf Alumni College in August.

Sometimes those messages—which might, for instance, provide codes for copying the nucleotide sequences that compose DNA—get garbled. And so in the development of a protein called cytochrome c (an electron carrier in the processes which, for instance, eventually make our muscles twitch), it's possible for humans to produce something closer to a monkey's cytochrome c.

It's a rare—but definitely possible—misstep for a cell to make. In the cytochromes of humans and monkeys, O'Brien explained, the "evolutionary distance" is "maybe just one amino acid."

"Does that mean that I could be carrying a monkey cytochrome around within me?" asked an alumnus student.

"Maybe twice in your lifetime," said O'Brien, "your body has produced monkey cytochromes."

The body's cells make mistakes all the time, O'Brien continued. "But usually what happens is that you'll make a protein that doesn't make any sense, in human terms, and your body gets rid of it."

Sometimes, however, errors survive. If they get incorporated into an organism, and then get passed on to the next generation—that, biologists speculate, is one possible mechanism for evolutionary change. And small cellular mistakes are the key: "You have to have errors to get variability."

O'Brien's course, Progressive Evolution, was one of five courses taught at this year's Alumni College. The 100 or so students at the Alumni College were a spirited group. At the "Commencement" banquet on

commitment to provide life long learning opportunities for Middlebury alumni, parents, and friends.

Continuing education is not a new concept. As early as 1916 the presidents of several private colleges in the Northeast (Dartmouth and Amherst, among them) began encouraging intellectual connections between colleges and their alumni. But in the 1960s and '70s, continuing education really took off, as what came to be called "alumni colleges" developed at Brown, Cornell and Dartmouth (among other places). The alumni college idea caught on quickly at schools throughout the country; Middlebury started its alumni college in 1975.

Enrollment at the August Alumni College tops a full capacity of over 100 every summer (the Bread Loaf location is an enticement). The courses are taught by Middlebury faculty members, many of whom ask to participate again and again because they enjoy teaching "older" students.

In recent years the College has added an annual post-reunion June alumni college at Bread Loaf. Middlebury faculty members regularly travel to Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston (to name a few places) to give lectures and short alumni colleges, on weekends or evenings. In January the College will send professors Bruce Peterson (a bird watcher and naturalist) and John Spencer (an historian) on a trip with alumni to Kenya. Chinese historian Nicholas Clifford took a Middlebury group on a tour of China last year.

And, of course, one of the main purposes of *Middlebury Magazine* is to provide educational articles drawing on the resources of the College and its alumni.

As President Robison has said: "The success of the alumni colleges has demonstrated that the desire for education among our alumni does not end with Commencement. We continue to experiment with different ways of meeting that desire by offering a broad range of educational opportunities for alumni, parents, and friends. The large numbers participating in our activities tell us we are headed in the right direction."

To improve its support for continuing education, the MCAA last year created a position for continuing education on its Board of Directors. Joan Kerrigan '71, who holds an M.A. in history from Princeton and who is currently a law student at the University of Connecticut, was elected to that position. Charged with thinking up new ways to make continuing education opportunities available and interesting to alumni of different ages around the country, Joan is approaching her job with enthusiasm and vision. On Joan's "wish list" are events that might use video technology and interactive television to provide communication and programming between the College and alumni around the country (and the world).

Alumni expectations continue to grow, and it will be a challenge for the College and the MCAA to respond with appropriate educational programs and opportunities. Continuing education truly brings alumni back to the College, in the best way possible.

—Dorrie Landry Bonner '59

Joan Kerrigan 71 will help develop educational programming.
Erik Borg

Battlefields of the Civil War

Alumni College Tour
March 24-27, 1988
$250 ($200 for classes before '37 and after '77)*

The Civil War represented the great test of American nationhood, placing in fundamental and ultimately violent opposition seemingly incompatible definitions of what America was and was to become. For four bloody years, force of arms replaced force of argument, and the outcome, though perhaps inevitable in retrospect, was far from certain.

To tour the battlefields of the Civil War is to be reminded anew of these historial realities.

Your guides: John McCardell, professor of history and dean for academic development and planning, is the author of *The Idea of a Southern Nation.* Barbara Bellows, assistant professor of history, is the co-author of *God and General Longstreet.*

The Alumni College will gather at Mount Vernon College, in Washington, D.C., on March 24 for a course introduction, and then will proceed with three days of travel to Harpers Ferry, Manassas, Antietam, and Gettysburg.

*Fee includes lectures, luncheons, and tours. For more information, call or write the Middlebury College Alumni Office, Middlebury, Vt., 05753, (802)388-3711, ext. 5183.

the last night, Madeleine Gaylor '22 delighted her audience with a song dedicated to Robert Ferm, professor, and Larry Yarbrough, assistant professor of religion, her instructors in a course on the Biblical stories of creation.

Jennifer Blake '86 joins staff

As manager for the football team her sophomore year, Jennifer Blake '86 and a friend made spaghetti for a postseason party of 110 players and coaches. "We had pots cooking in the kitchens of DU and Chi Psi, and we had to run back and forth all day across Route 30 to check on them," laughs Blake. "Then we had to figure out how much spaghetti you need for that many football players? But it turned out to be a pretty good meal."

And it was good training. After a year as an alumni records assistant, Blake has been named assistant director of alumni relations (with special responsibilities for young alumni). She no longer has to provide the food herself, but one of her first tasks after accepting her new job this summer was to help organize a gathering for 120 young alumni in Boston at the Scotch 'n' Sirloin (owned by Harry Johnson '57).

Blake's position is a new one in the alumni and development offices. The College, she explains, "wants to give more attention to young alumni, both in terms of alumni relations and fund raising." She's currently focusing her efforts on a handful of cities that have especially active young alumni groups and/or large young alumni populations (less than fifteen years out of Middlebury), including New York, Boston, Hartford, Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Middlebury. Says Blake: "That means organizing events from boat cruises to cocktail parties to continuing education lectures and discussions."

Of special concern to the College—and to Blake—is the low participation levels of young alumni in the College's annual giving program. Overall, more than 50 percent of Middlebury alumni give to the Annual Funds, but lack of participation by younger alumni has been pulling the average down. "Too many young alumni think that until they give $200, their gift doesn't matter," says Blake. "But even a $10 gift helps with our level of participation—and high participation levels help us get grants from companies and foundations, who want to know that alumni support the College."

Another important part of her job will be working with the Student Alumni Association and with the senior class. Right now, she's organizing a series of dinners for the seniors, "trying to build more class unity before they graduate." No, she's not going to cook the spaghetti.

Leadership weekend isn't all fund raising, but...

It was a full house at Bread Loaf, as over 250 class fund raisers, reunion organizers, class secretaries, and MiddNet representatives visited Vermont for a (rainy) working weekend.

There was a push to provide alumni with up to the minute information. The entire group packed the Bread Loaf theatre to hear a presentation from David Ginevan, College vice president and treasurer, on the finances of higher education. Middlebury, not incidentally, is in "great shape"; the endowment's market value, as of June 30, topped $200 million. The College seeks "total return" on its investment portfolio, Ginevan explained, focusing on the results of appreciation and earnings, as opposed to current yield alone. So while Middlebury's current yield hovers at five or six percent, total return has been averaging close to 16 percent over the last ten years (recent yields have been as high as 40 percent). In other words, the College's approach has been to use the stock market to improve its long-term financial standing.

But an important part of the weekend were the smaller group workshops and meetings. There were fund raising workshops, to be sure. Armed with a little bit of knowledge about how gifts to Middlebury can provide tax benefits and good retirement planning, volunteer fund raisers can be less bashful when asking classmates for money. The College built much of the Campaign fund raising plans around the efforts of reunion classes, notes Mike Schoenfeld '73, director of planned giving, and the volunteers in those classes have delivered. "Stretch"—as in encouraging "stretch" gifts for reunion year—was the operative word in fund raising workshops.

It wasn't all fund raising, however. Stephen Calvert, who heads Dartmouth College's pioneering continuing education program for alumni, talked with alumni leaders about expanding Middlebury's continuing education efforts.

And the rainy weather forced the always energetic social chairpeople for the coming reunion year indoors for most of the weekend. That should help assure especially well-planned weekends for classes 'x3 and 'x8 next May 27-29.

The job is tougher than you might think

For the first time, 50 or so class secretaries were on hand at Leadership Weekend for a workshop led by Bob Peskin, associate director of alumni relations.

How do you get news from classmates? Peskin said he'd been to tennis camp that summer, "They told us there are a million ways to lose. Try them all." In more practical terms: At the workshop, all the secretaries received an updated list of addresses and phone numbers for their classmates. The College reimburses secretaries for costs of most news gathering efforts, Peskin explained, and older classes with smaller numbers, for example, use the personal approach by making news requests with holiday greeting cards. For classes with large numbers, the alumni office sends out mass mailings, on the request of a secretary.

But mass mailings, it was noted, tend to bring in news from the same people. Well, said Robert Luce '59, "I've found the way to beat that is a few phone calls."

What makes a good column? Lots of information, about as many classmates as possible, is the goal. "Make it concise," said Peskin, "make it inclusive, and make it enjoyable to read."

MiddNet is growing

In the spring of 1985, with the active support of the Middlebury College Alumni Association, the College's career counseling and placement office announced the formation of MiddNet, a network of Middlebury alumni who will volunteer career advice.

Two and a half years later, 35 alumni in 16 locations around the U.S. act as volunteer "career representatives" in the network. Those volunteers have handled close to 500 contacts with alumni, on a conservative estimate, according to Valerie Szymkowicz, associate director of CC&P and MiddNet coordinator. Most of those contacts—almost 70 percent—have been in New York, Boston, and Washington, and most often the users of the network have been from recently graduated classes. The goal, of course, is to encourage broader use of the network.

Nine MiddNet representatives were on hand for Leadership Weekend workshops. MiddNet volunteers are professionals in their specific fields of interest, not career counselors. And they are not head-hunters; they don't set up job interviews. Rather, they act as resource persons. They can talk about their own fields, or they can make referrals to other alumni who have specific professional backgrounds.

The CC&P Leadership Weekend workshops also gave the MiddNet volunteers some instruction in how to help people at different stages in the "career development process." What do you do, for instance, when an inquirer basically just wants a bunch of names of Middlebury alumni in a geographical area? "You probably just have to tell them, It seems to me that what's most clear is that you want to live in Boston," suggested Stephen Johansson, director of CC&P. A MiddNet volunteer might suggest resource materials—like Richard Bolles' *What Color Is Your Parachute?*—to help the inquirer do more thorough self-assessment and develop a more focused job search strategy. Encourage the caller

ALUMNI CALENDAR

January

15	Alumni Winter Weekend
15	Chicago—Hockey Team Reception
13-30	Kenya-Tanzania Adventure Safari
22-30	Austria—Ski Lech-St. Anton
29-6	Switzerland—Ski Davos
28-6	England—Lacrosse Team
31	Midd-Vermont Alumni Association Apres Ski Reception

February

3	Boston—Boston Classical Orchestra: Dinner & Concert

March

TBA	Boston—Alumni College
24-26	Washington DC—Alumni College Visit to Civil War Battlefields
25-30	Middlebury College Choir Tour
30	New York City—Middlebury College Choir at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center

April

28	Washington DC—Senator Stafford Dinner

May

6	Fairfield County— Dinner with Pardon Tillinghast
27	Reunion Weekend
30-3	Spring Alumni College at Bread Loaf

June

10-22	The Grand Tour of Alaska
14	Cape Cod Reception
TBA	Boston and New York Harbor Cruises

August

31-4	Bread Loaf Alumni College XIII

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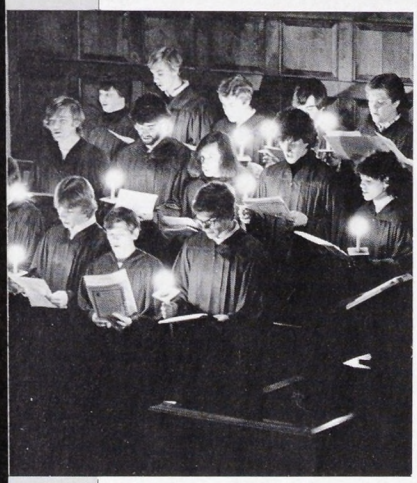
Celebrating the arts in Middtown

You are cordially invited to Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, for a concert by The Middlebury College Choir, under the direction of Emory Fanning, on Wednesday evening, March 30, at 8:00 P.M.

Tickets, $12 and $8, will be available January 1 at the Alice Tully Hall Box Office, (212)362-1911, or may be charged by calling CenterCharge at (212)874-6770.

The Middlebury College Choir, joined by soloists and instrumental ensembles, will come to Lincoln Center at the conclusion of a Spring Tour that will include performances in Burlington (Vt.), Concord (N.H.), Boston, Hartford, and Philadelphia. Details about those concerts will be mailed to area residents in January. For more information, please call the Alumni Office at (802)388-3711, extension 5183.

to call back, of course, Johansson said: "With luck you'll get a call in which the person says, I was a little confused six months ago. I really think now that I want to go into banking." At that point, names of a few resource people would be more useful.

When the job search skills are good and the career goals are clear, said Szymkowicz, the growing MiddNet network might play a different role. "Luck does come into play when you're searching for a job," she noted. A simple referral for information can lead to other referrals and contacts; just making contacts and meeting people while seeking advice can sometimes put a job searcher in a job opening's way. Johansson called it "organizing your luck."

In the course of discussion, MiddNet representative Kim Ulrich Whelan '79 commented that at least in her field, management consulting, "Middlebury doesn't have an old boy network like other schools."

Building up a stronger Middlebury network of resource people in various professional fields, it was suggested, is a big part of what MiddNet is all about.

Three new chapters approved

The College trustees, acting on the recommendation of the Middlebury College Alumni Association, have approved an expansion of the MCAA's "pilot chapter" program. New formal MCAA chapters in Washington DC, Midd-Vermont, and Philadelphia, will join Boston, Denver, and Hartford, which became formal chapters in 1985.

All three new chapters had long-standing and strong alumni organizations already in place, which, of course, made them attractive sites as pilot project additions. The new chapters will receive expanded financial and organizational support for their activities from the MCAA and the College.

But when they accept formal status in the MCAA, the chapters organize according to specific guidelines, appointing local directors in the various MCAA activity areas: including leadership and awards, career counseling, continuing education, and admissions. These directors are responsible for developing programs and activities. Formal chapters are encouraged to produce a regular newsletter for area alumni. Chapter leaders will participate in the MCAA's annual meetings, and, it is hoped, serve as a training ground and scouting service for future national leadership.

Hugh Marlow '57, the College's director of alumni relations, says that other worthy chapters were considered for incorporation into the developing MCAA system. There are strong alumni organizations in places like New York and developing organizations in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston—and all will get strong consideration in the future. "Eventually, of course, we want to increase our support to all regions of the country," Director Marlow says. "We're building and learning as we go—but we have to take it a few steps at a time."

Eddie Card '43, of Tampa, Fl. and Westport, N.Y. (left), teamed with Clyde "Suds" Pooler, also of Westport (right), to score +1 and win the Chicago scoring system men's title at the annual Gordon Perine '49 (center) Alumni Golf Tournament in September, with a +1. Rain threatened the tournament on both Friday and Saturday, but the last of the over 100 participants finished their rounds by Saturday at 4:10pm—and the rain held off until 4:15. "Who lives under a charmed star?" beamed Perine, who continues as tournament director and senior development officer at the College. Winnie Duffield Taylor '38, of Concord, N.H., scored a +8 to win the women's division. All three winners will have their names inscribed upon a club house trophy named in honor of the late Len Riccio '29.

MiddNet

MiddNet volunteers will answer questions about their professions and try to provide information about job opportunities and life in their areas. Area chairs can often make referrals to other alumni. For more information: Valerie Szymkowicz, Associate Director, Career Counseling and Placement, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753, (802)388-3711 ext. 5100.

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18 REUNION '88

Class Secretary: *Ruth A. Hesselgrave, 2805 SW 14th St., Ocala, FL 32674.*

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Julius Kroeck (Elsa Holmstrom), 376 Central St., Acton, MA 01720.*

I was sorry to receive word that our classmate, **Hollis Cooley**, had died. He and his wife, Rita, always looked forward to our reunions. Our class can be proud of his outstanding career in education. Rita and the family have our deepest sympathy.

23 REUNION '88

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Allen C. Clifford (Catherine Robbins), 15 Carver St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

In 1927, two young ladies and I hiked the length of Vermont on the backbone of the Green Mountains known as "The Long Trail." In 1977 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of that occasion. And on July 27, 1987, we had our 60th reunion by getting together to reminisce at a luncheon at The Arches in Brandon. One interesting memory stands out: When we were hiking south of Mt. Killington, we heard a plane approaching in the distance—which was most unusual in Vermont in 1927. As we watched and waited it turned out to be Charles A. Lindberg, recently returned from his Transatlantic flight to Paris, on his way to a celebration in Springfield, Vt. As he wasn't very far above our mountain, it was easy to read "The Spirit of St. Louis" on the underside as he flew over us. ...I still work in our garden—at a slow pace. My energy may be due to the fact that I've been wearing a pacemaker since 1964. ...Maybe some of you will remember something to write about.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Reginald M. Savage (Dorothy Taylor), 118 Tiffany Road, Norwell, MA 02061.*

Bradley and **Peg Brown Houston** enjoyed the family camp in Franklin, Vt., for a few weeks this summer. They missed the excitement of having her sister and children there, too, but we suspect being able to hop in the lake those hot July days was some compensation. ...**Sam Botsford** spent a good share of last winter reading the book *Ford, the Man and the Machines*, a gift of his daughter, Barbara. After finishing the book, he donated it to the Jackson, N.H., Library. ...**Helen Cleveland Elder** chose a very hot Sunday to visit the Japanese garden of the nurseryman who had done some planting when Helen and her husband were building their home some years ago. She said the azaleas were gorgeous and the bonsai trees most interesting. ...As a goldminer and lay justice in Happy Camp, Calif., **Phil Toleman** supervised the erection of three public buildings, using almost exclusively local materials and voluntary labor. One was a four-room log high school, the second was a fieldstone Grange Hall, and the third was a two-story concrete block fire hall. For all three buildings, no tax money was sought from the county. When Phil received a compliment recently for his part in the building of the log high school, he responded that what really counts in life is being of service to mankind, a lesson he had learned at Middlebury and from his wife. ...A phone call from **Ruth Quigley** in New York City reported that **Marion Janes McIntosh** planned to spend the month of August in West Southport, Maine. Ruth's own summer plans had gone awry, but she hoped for better things later on. ...Another phone call from **Frances Smith** confirmed, as she had written "Squigs," that spring and early summer in Vermont had never been more beautiful, "that foliage was heavy, flowers bigger, and mountains bluer." Fran said she cannot garden as she used to, but she tries to keep perennials going since they do not need as much care. ...**Cecil Simmons** spent the month of March at Juno Beach, Fla., where his family had spent 16 happy seasons with many good friends, including John and Lois Grimm Dustin '42. In early May, Simmie had a delightful weekend in Dover, Dela., where he attended the wedding of his granddaughter, Lyn, the younger daughter of Jean Simmons Arnold '50. In early June, Simmie had surgical treatment for Dupuytrens contracture of a third finger. The surgery was more extensive and painful than expected but the hand is slowly improving. The handicap of limited vision doesn't halt this octogenarian! ...We made a phone call to **Muriel Morey Doolittle** at Tally-Ho, a retirement home in Boonton, N.J. She answered quickly, said she is well and spends much of her time outside the complex, walking, visiting stores, and reading. She sees her daughter and family most weekends. ...**Stan Harris** writes that he is still living at Beatitudes, a retirement home in Phoenix, Ariz. Since the death of his wife, Mary, in January 1986, Stan and Ed Elton, a retiree whose wife is very ill with Alzheimer's disease, have joined forces in Stan's apartment. Elton is the secretary of the Kiwanis Club at the Beatitudes, of which Stan had been elected director. The average age of the members of this club is 83. Stan spent most of June and July visiting his daughter and her husband (Ken '50 and Ruth Harris Carlson '51) in Colorado. While there he was assigned a cool, basement bedroom where he could spread out all the paraphernalia with which he is assembling a family history, with the aid of computers. In August, Stan was expecting the entire Harris family to gather for the wedding of his younger daughter, Beth, to Dr. Stuller, an oral surgeon with the U.S. Navy. Bride and groom are graduates of Penn State University. For the remainder of August Stan and son Bob were to be at the Grand Canyon where Bob teaches and lectures on photography for Kodak. He was also looking forward to spending time with his first great-grandchild, the son of Bob's daughter. Other plans for the summer included a trip to Salt Lake City (with a new pop-up tent trailer) where Stan was to do some research at the Mormon Genealogy Library. Then on to visit a granddaughter in Jackson, Wyo., several of Mary's nieces in Washington and Oregon, and his nephew near Seattle, and home by October 1. No rocking chair for this octogenarian! ...**Amy Hunt Meek** wrote of September plans for a trip to Williamsburg, Winterthur, and Longwood Gardens with her daughter and sister. She says she knows England and Scotland better than the U.S.A., so she was looking forward to the short trip to Virginia.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald D. Fredrickson (Dorothy Johnson), 199 Central Ave., Madison, NJ 07940, and Donald R. Banks, Rudd Pond Road, Millerton, NY 12546.*

With regret we report that the College has been advised of the death of **Whitney B. Gorham** on April 11, 1987. Our sympathy, on behalf of the Class of '25, has been extended to his family. ...In the last issue, **Dot Johnson Fredrickson** and **Dot Tillapaugh Headley** reported their plans to attend an Elderhostel at Mt. Allison University in New Brunswick, Canada. As expected, their reports of the event were most enthusiastic. Topics included Acadian culture, the Bay of Fundy region, Celtic Christianity, history of local Indians, and a field trip to fossil cliffs in the area. Dot Fredrickson also reports that her son, Donald '54, provided a treat for her and two companions in his private plane. They took off from Morristown, N.J., airport on a beautiful day, had a seafood dinner on Block Island, and circled the Statue of Liberty and Manhattan Island! The return proved a bit "hairy" when foul weather caused problems, but Don's expertise brought them safely home. Don has been a captain with Eastern Airlines for many years. Dot planned a follow-up trip to attend the August 8 marriage of her grandson, Robert, in Plantation, Fla. Talk about active octogenarians! Dot fills the bill. ...**Ernie** and **Evelyn Plumley Adams** report that they are in reasonably good health. They spent most of the summer at home in Wellesley Hills, Mass., after a long visit with their daughter, Emily Adams '60, at their family summer homestead in North Hero, Vt. On the return trip, they stopped at Brattleboro, Vt., for a pleasant visit with **Kay Stockwell Geehr.** They planned another trip to North Hero in the fall, when they hoped to stop at Midd for Homecoming. ...**Isabell Marshall Howard** spent her summer at the farm in Clarendon, Vt., enjoying the old surroundings. ...Last spring, **Helen Newton Ehlert** traveled to Alaska for a visit with ner niece, a librarian in that area. ...Please send us news of your activities.

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth Goodale Murray, RR 1, Box 396, Perkinsville, VT 05151, and W. Ransom Rice, 800 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301.*

The Rev. W. Ransom Rice, Jr., '53, wife Suzanne, son Mark '85, **Bill Rice**, Chris Rice '83, and his wife attended the graduation of Elizabeth Rice '87 in May. She is the twelfth in the Rice family to attend Middlebury. The thirteenth, Joan '88, spent the school year in Paris under the College French program. Charles Rice '58, wife Mary, and son Graham, a future prospect for Middlebury, visited Joan in Paris.

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Class Secretary: *Mr. Howard Cutler, Indian Chase Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830.*

Charles O. Adams, our Middlebury resident, reports that the College did "a wonderful job" of renovating the former Middlebury graded school building and says that "it is nice to see the undergraduates walking from this building up the hill to the main part of the College." ..."What a beautiful memory," writes **Scott Babcock** in summarizing the 60th Reunion. He also says he has "three red-headed grandsons who seem college-bound, but I have not told them about being one of Mr. Flint's original Black Panthers—and all the fun and mystery which we found in music and fraternity life." ...In mid-July, Maxwell and **Eleanor Jackson Brenton** took an 11-day trip to Alaska to celebrate their 63rd anniversary. They "enjoyed every minute" of their 7-day cruise on *The Regent Sea* from Vancouver to Whittier, two days in Anchorage, and two at Mt. McKinley Park. ...**Foster "Clem" Clement** died on August 26, 1987. Hearing at reunion time of Clem's poor health, Mrs. Cutler and I made it a point a bit later to drive up to Vermont to visit him and **Louise Covey Clement**. They were in a small apartment in a full-service rest home, Greenrange, very near their own place so Lou could go there regularly to garden and pick up mail. Though very quiet, Clem was still up and around and had the slow, pleasant smile which always characterized my four-year college roommate. Lou, as ever, was her charming and friendly self. It was a pleasant occasion which I will always cherish. ...We, Rebecca and **Howard Cutler,** came north in mid-May after four months at our winter place in Landrum, S.C. Toward the end of June, we went down to Sunset Beach, N.C., for our usual three weeks, during one of which we entertained our son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. Got back to Greenwich July 18 to face the harsh realities of a class secretary's life and recover from vacationing. ...Elizabeth and **Joseph (Joe) L. Finnegan** found 1987 a year of "get up and goes" via Eastern Airlines and car rentals. Just prior to coming to the 60th Reunion, they attended graduations of two more of their teenage grandchildren in California. On August 1 they expected to be "among many family members in a Lancaster, Pa., bash," bidding "bon voyage" to a family branch of four who will be living for the next four years in Geneva, Switzerland. Next, he continues, "on August 8 our Betsy will re-marry in Summit, N.J., amid proper attendance of many members of our greatly enlarged family." We can all sympathize with his contention that no one seems to believe their cry of "enough," and "consequently we pack and unpack continuously." Joe announces, "We have now formed a corporation named 'Attendance Unlimited' from which we will guarantee to represent anyone in need of such. A brochure listing services and rates may be secured by sending us $1 at our address. The dollar will be refunded with the first order." ...**Harold (Hal) M. Fisher** reported that by mid-July the dry weather had left their Grafton, N.Y., lake at a lower level than they had ever seen before. He and his wife both enjoyed the 60th Reunion weekend. A week later they were off to the West Coast to visit their daughter, Mabel, in San Carlos, Calif. High point of their trip was visiting the Monterey Aquarium where, Hal writes, "I found myself the center of attention at one point when I started manipulating a remote-controlled, underwater TV camera which, unbeknown to me, projected a magnified view on two large TV screens above my head while my eyes were glued on my small monitor." He concludes with a practical piece of advice for classmates: "I must confess that I bowed to my physical impairments by using a wheelchair at the airports and also at the Aquarium. I felt very guilty about it because I could have gotten along without it. But all guilt vanished when I finally realized I would not have been able to do so much without this assistance. I mention this only to encourage any of you out there who do have a handicap to take advantage of the assistance available to you and be thankful that you can." ...**Eva Menotti Fitzgerald** writes, "Please extend my greetings and salutations to all my friends in '27. I hope their summer was happy and that fall will find them in good health. After all, *that* is what it's all about, isn't it? We take it cautiously, a day-at-a-time. Right?" ...Living in Williamstown, Mass., **Ramona Brown Fleming** finds many interesting activities for seniors and others. She adds, "I recently took a four-week trip to the Far East—probably my last long trip. Greetings to everyone." ...**Edith Markwell Hawley** writes enthusiastically about life on their "Enchanted Island" (Whidbey Island, Wash.) where they live in a forest with many wild creatures, especially deer, as neighbors. Strenuous efforts to protect crops and flower beds from those neighbors are unending. Birds, however, seem to be an unmitigated delight, including ten different kinds "right out of my windows in our own trees." Saltwater beaches are only a few minutes from the house. Her son, Peter, recently returned from a tour of duty (Air Force Reserve) in Korea, brought her a pair of brass cats to add to her collection which already includes a ceramic one brought from Okinawa last year. A true ailurophile, she also owns two live cats. Edith and her husband were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary this August. Both are "in the pink," and they are doing all their landscaping themselves. Pete is also active in the local library association. ...**Edna Graham Hinds** spent a pleasant ten weeks in St. Petersburg with a cousin. She enjoyed being with friends in Binghamton, N.Y., this summer and was looking forward to her cousin's visit at summer's end. ...**Mervin W. McCutcheon** writes, "Dear Cut, Please accept my sincere sympathy. You got took! Surely not a job I would want." As to the McCutcheons, they now live in Pinecrest Place, #302, 1150 Eighth Ave. S.W., Largo FL 34640 (having sold both their Cape Cod home and their condo in Largo). He describes their new quarters as "a very pleasant retirement community, and the apartment very comfortable." As to health, he writes, "Mary is not too well and some days I feel like I'm held together with baling wire." However, "while we can still get around," they planned a July 23 departure by air to Hamburg to board the Cunarder *Vistafjord* for a 35-day cruise to the North Cape with many shore trips in Norway, Greenland, and Iceland. ...Writing on his 83rd birthday, July 13, **F. Wallace (Wally) Patch** reported his only news as a projected move across town in Rutland, Vt., to a residential care home at Pleasant Manor, 48 Nichols St., Rutland, VT 05701. Fran is now far advanced in Parkinson's disease, so they feel it will be a relief to be settled where professional help is available 24 hours a day. As to his own health, Wally states, "I still seem to be in fairly good shape physically, but I'll confess to finding this chore of packing up for a final move quite strenuous: so many difficult decisions to be made!" ...On July 23, Helen and **Halbert (Hal) E. Phillips** were flying to Seattle to board *The Fairsea* and head out in the Pacific to be in Alaskan waters two days later, ready to see the glaciers. Stops were scheduled for Valdez, Seward, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Victoria, then back to Seattle, where they catch their return flight for Sarasota. They are both well, enjoy bridge and golf, and send their best to all classmates. ...**Katie Roberts** writes that she and her sister thoroughly enjoyed "our wonderful reunion weekend at Middlebury." She adds that she was happy to see old friends, "but sorry that more of the class couldn't be with us." She and her sister took a senior citizen bus tour of Canada, also in May, revisiting Ganonoque, Kingston, the Thousand Islands, and Ottawa. They planned a September visit to Williamsburg, Va. ...July found **Rhoda B. Southall** in the midst of raspberry picking, the "prize" crop of her garden. After reunion, she was busy "catching up on all the chores involved in country living—weeding, lawn-mowing, etc.—but rewarded by many beautiful birds at the feeders and the frequent sight of two or three deer on evening walks to the pond." Her biggest job, she adds, "has been training our new puppy, Amy," which she describes as eight weeks old, a mutt, pedigree unknown, except that she is a "spaniel mix, exuberant, hyperactive, and loving, so she is keeping us young." She concludes with the news that Elaine "continues to make progress in her recovery from her horrendous fall last year, to the extent that we are going out socially again." ...And here is **Rachel L. Spear**'s quarterly news for our 1927 column: "I moved into St. Paul's Manor Retirement Home just before flying east for our memorable 60th Reunion weekend at Middlebury. My two weeks in Vermont with **Julia Austin** included the June 6 picnic cruise on Lake Champlain when Professor Illick entertained us 130 Middlebury alumni with regional Vermont facts—historical, geological, economic, and interesting. My new address is 2635 Second Ave., #925, San Diego, CA 92103. From my ninth-floor west window I watch ships and airplanes arriving and departing and brilliant sunsets over the Pacific Ocean. Planned activities keep us 150 residents busy, and there are pleasant places for strolling—Balboa Park and the Embarcadero. Let me know when you're coming this way." ...**Julia (Judy) Austin** also enjoyed the Champlain Cruise—and reunion: "Believe it or not, I'm already looking forward to 1992." ...**Hilda Smith Straw** reports that since her husband died a little over five years ago, she has only her beautiful dog with her. "He is good company, also protection." She spends as much time as possible editing for a friend who writes books, short articles, and also lectures. This, she says, keeps her busy, though she cannot get out except when taken, due to a spinal condition. When she wrote she was preparing for her 83rd birthday: "I've already been given some flowers

and have had the first birthday card, so I guess I'll get through the day okay when it gets here!" We're glad to hear she is cheerful, as always.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. John D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Box 1256, Concord, MA 01742, and N.J. Blanchette, Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, CT 06039.*

We were sorry to learn that **John March** has been experiencing eye problems. After cataract surgery and an implant, John's eyes continue to deteriorate. His blurred vision makes it impossible for him to drive and play golf. His classmates wish him well and hope he has better days ahead. ...Mimi had a letter from a Bellows Falls friend which included an obituary notice about **Ruth Dorothy Hay** who died on July 1, 1987. A memorial to Dot, who was an outstanding teacher of French, appears in the obituary section. ...**Del Hadley Lardner** sent us news of Charles (Chuck) and **Margaret (Tib) Moody Rice**, who are new residents of 60 Dartmouth Court, Carleton-Willard, Bedford, MA 01730. We are always pleased and happy to hear about Tib because her father was more than a president of Middlebury College to us—he was a rare specimen and the embodiment of what a college president should be. Because of Chuck's involvement in the field of education, Tib and Chuck have enjoyed extensive travel experiences. ...**Zella Cole Hibbert** went to Middlebury for the May 23 graduation of her granddaughter, Gretchen Lardner '87. There were six other members of Zella's family, all Middlebury graduates, present for graduation; an enviable record. Zella had the added pleasure of spending two nights in Middlebury with her old friend **Jane Carrick Oviatt**. The last week in May, Zella visited **Nap Blanchette**'s hometown, Lakeville, Conn., for the graduation of her grandson, Peter, from Hotchkiss. He is following in the footsteps of brother Sam who graduated from Hotchkiss in 1982 and Dartmouth last year and is now teaching Russian at Hotchkiss. Peter entered Dartmouth in the fall. **Betty Hoadley** has been planning to enter the Life Care Center in Essex as soon as it is completed. Zella insists she is much too young for that! ...A note from none other than La Femme Adelma (Del Lardner) who, as usual, was looking forward to the Tri-State Alumnae luncheon scheduled for August 6. This is a major event for the ladies of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Like most in our category, Del still has the urge to do all things promptly and well, but the body does not react as in years past. ...**Fred Whittemore** still spends May through October in Dorset in the old home that is much too large for Marge and him. They have been spending winters at Vero Beach, Fla. (Vista Harbor B-1, 2800 Indian River Blvd.), and this year they purchased the condo they have been leasing for many years. The only cloud on their horizon appeared on August 3 when Fred reported to the Rutland Hospital for a hernia operation. Drop him a note at Box 65, Dorset, VT 05251. Fred and Marge will join '28 for our very important 60th, and we shall be happy to see them. ...As he has for many years in the past, **Bill Donald** attended the 1987 Rotary International which was held in Munich, Germany. He also sent assurances that he will be with us to celebrate our 60th. We hope to receive such assurances from all our classmates.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. E.J. Kelly (Frances Foley), 130 Prospect Ave., Northampton, MA 01060, and J. Malcolm Williams, 6430 Beechwood Ave., Sarasota, FL 33581.*

Grace Cheney Greene was very disappointed to find no news of '29 in the summer issue, so she has come forward with a contribution. Grace spent five weeks on a trip to Florida in the spring, stopping en route at Yorktown, Williamsburg, Bak Tower, St. Augustine, and other interesting places. She stayed for two weeks in North Fort Meyers and for one week in Port St. Lucy. In August she cruised from Vancouver to Juneau, Alaska, then continued by river boat and bus as far north as Fairbanks and back south to Anchorage. On several occasions she ran into Wilson and **Emily White Wilmarth** who were covering much of the same territory. They had fun comparing notes and refreshing memories. Last fall **Ruth Rogers Lambert** visited Grace at Briarwood in Worcester, Mass. Grace sees **Eula Cargill Kelley** quite frequently. While visiting Eula in New Hampshire, she met Ruth Simmons Dinkel '28 who recently moved to Worcester. ...**Charles W. (Red) Allen**, retired senior pilot with American Airlines, writes that he is still at the same stand in Hillsboro, N.H., but he is wondering what to do with 250-odd acres of forest and a big house. His wife is in a retirement home in Shelburne, Vt., and he goes through Middlebury fairly often. Red states that "the Lord willing and the crick don't rise I hope to again see as many home football games as possible, even though those I know from our days are getting fewer in the stands each season. If **Mac Williams** didn't get to Florida, I'm sure we could again solve whatever strategical problems the Midd team may have." ...Charles and **Caroline Belcher Bulfinch** enjoy most of the year in North Fort Meyers, Fla., and spend three or four months on Cape Cod in the summer. They had a lot of fun on a cruise last spring to Nassau, San Juan, and St. Thomas. She closes her letter with "I guess at my age, no news is good news!" Perhaps this is the reason we hear so little from so many of our classmates. ...Meta and **Albert E. (Bo) Willis** of South Casco, Maine, attended their granddaughter's wedding in California. While there they decided to see Alaska! They flew to Seattle, bused to Vancouver, and boarded the *Noordam* and sailed the Inland Passsage to Ketchikan, Juneau, Mendenhall Glacier, Skagway, Fairbanks, Denali Park, and Anchorage. Bo writes that they enjoyed the wildlife—moose, bear, elk, whales, and mountain sheep. He says the Alcan Highway and the Alaskan Projects were most interesting. He thought it was incredible to see the route of those hardy adventurers and imagine the impossible conditions they encountered and overcame. Following their tour, they flew to San Francisco to be met by Bo's son, David '58. ...**Fran Foley Kelly** spent her 38th summer on the beautiful shores of Lake St. Catherine, after returning from her annual trip to Ireland. She went to Hawaii in January 1987; she plans a trip to Paris in early 1988. In the fall she was preparing for a busy schedule of church and hospital activities. ...Evelyn and **Ray Tomlinson** have sold their house in Port Charlotte, Fla., and moved into a condo where "the living is easy." In June they participated in "Alumni Week" at Evelyn's alma mater, Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio. Similar to an Elderhostel program, the sessions centered on the Soviet Union which was especially appropriate for them as they were shortly to board their favorite ship, the *Vistafjord* at Hamburg, Germany, for a trip to Leningrad. ...After a year and one-half as a technician for a New York dermatologist, **Kathryn Trask Deedman** has retired to Vergennes, Vt. Her major volunteer positions have included service as president of the Women's Club of Rye, N.Y., the Auxiliary of the United Hospital of Port Chester, N.Y., Westchester Alumni of Pi Beta Phi, Westchester Planned Parenthood; the vice president of the New York State Planned Parenthood Chapter; and board member of the Thrift Shop at the United Hospital in Port Chester. ...Although retired from the real estate business, **W. Gilbert (Bud) Cole** of Bradford, Vt., keeps occupied with various community projects. Bud and wife Dorothy enjoyed the Middlebury-sponsored cruise of Lake Champlain aboard the *Mt. Independence* last June. They were planning a fall tour of the Canadian Rockies. ...**Henry E.** and Estelle Peavey (Midd M.A. '38) **Hunt** are enjoying life in Rye, N.H., although Henry has had to undergo several operations. He contemplates another overseas trip, "while I still can," and enjoys the stock market. He sends his best wishes to all of you. ...**Alla Fitzgerald Smith** of Burlington, Vt., has had some health problems which necessitated resigning from various boards, but she is still able to go to church and enjoys family activities. Alla and Holland have one great-granddaughter. ...**Mac Williams** and daughter Judy Williams '64 recently took a tour of Wales where they visited the birth places of both paternal and fraternal grandparents. Judy, who is a senior analyst with Apt, Inc., has recently completed assignments in Bolivia, Mexico City, and Africa. Mac's son, John '61, is still practicing law with his father in Poultney, Vt., and is very active in Shrine and other volunteer work. ...Our class had a 75 percent participation in Annual Giving for 1986-87. This we are proud of, but it can still be improved.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

We regret to report that we have learned of the deaths of **John Carver** (May 8) and of **Bill Henderson** (May 9). Our ranks are decreasing as we find ourselves in our 80th year. ...In August, Beecher and I, mostly by bus, traveled with a group from the New York State Retired Teachers to a dozen national parks. I'll give more details in my Christmas letter. ...By the way, please send me a recent picture of your "mature years" to go into the 1930 scrapbook. A picture of you and your spouse will be fine, such as the snapshot that **Ralph Woodbury** sent me last year. I'll be watching for a letter and a picture!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Parker (Linnea Wall), P.O. Box 94, 266 Hardings Beach Road, West Chatham, MA 02669.*

Margie and **"Duke" King** spent last winter in Panama City Beach, Fla. In April they headed west to Phoenix where they rented a car and drove on to San Francisco and San Diego via the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, and other interesting spots. En route they visited their children and three grown grandchildren. They then flew back to Florida, gathered bag and baggage,

and headed home to Canada. ...Last spring, **Harriet "Shadow" Eliot** enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Sorento, Italy. The instructor was Frank Nigro, M.A. '79, and the subject was Neapolitan Opera and Italian folk music. In July she set off for another Elderhostel trip to the University of Madrid. In preparation for this trip she re-read Rose Martin's *Espana a Vista de Pajaro*. Quite the traveler—wonder where she is now! ...It was good to see the picture of **Monty** and **Pru Ingham Montgomery** in the May *Campaign Reporter*. We are grateful for their generous support of the College. ...**Walt Crocker** informs us that **Dick Fear** has also made a sizeable gift to the Campaign for Middlebury. ...Again we extend to Walt and to **Ellen Kellogg Norton** our appreciation for another outstanding year as class agents. Final results for our class showed a 79.8 percent rate of participation which was third highest, and dollarwise we were second highest of non-reunion classes between 1926 and 1936. ...**Phil Bates** reports that he keeps busy as treasurer of his church, and with golfing and gardening (with excellent results in the latter). He and Betty are thrilled that Betty's son, an electrical engineer, has been made a captain in the Navy and has received a Meritorious Service award at the ceremony. ...The Parkers and Crockers had a busy summer entertaining guests and families. ...When you read this, the Florida population will have increased with the influx of classmates who go south in the winter. We have addresses for several and will be glad to supply those we have. If you are one whose winter (or summer) address is not in our 55th Reunion address list, do let us know, as we do get requests.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 182 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210.*

Charlotte Adams Merriam received word of the death of **Anna Omwake Ferguson** from her daughter, Annette Shirley. Annette reported that her mother had "put up a good fight" before her death on May 5, 1987. We send sympathy to her family. ...**Jean Foster Sutherland** died on April 4, 1986. The class sends sympathy to her husband, Col. John D. Sutherland, of Silver Springs, Md. ...Last summer, **Gray** and **Georgiana Hulett Taylor** enjoyed a dinner with **Nancy Moores Poltrack**. They also enjoyed visiting her at her Keene, N.H., apartment which is furnished with family antiques and her own beautiful handcrafted rugs. ...After our 55th Reunion, **Jo Saunders Taggart** and **Emily Smith** stopped at Lake Bomoseen to see **Anna Pope Antoniewicz** ("Poppy") and her husband, Romeo, who is not in good health. Jo writes that she's planning a Scandanavian trip. More about that in subsequent issues, we hope! ...**George** and Natalie Lewis '31 **Emery** stayed on in Vermont after our 55th to visit Shelburne Farms and Museum. ...During the summer, **Emily Smith** and a friend flew to Albuquerque, N.M., where they rented a car and drove to Bryce Canyon, Arches National Park, and Mesa Verde. And they hiked a mile and a half down the Bright Angel Trail at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Moans Emily, "That meant we had to hike back up!" ...Our 55th last May was MEMORABLE! We're already making plans for our 60th in 1992! **Dick** and **Eleanor Benjamin Berry** have invited us to include in the weekend's activities a Sunday brunch at their farm in Shoreham, as we did in 1982 at the 50th!

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Carpenter (Helen Easton), 83 Quagnut Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879-4617.*

Lyle Glazier had a busy spring, giving readings from and autographing his novel, *Summer for Joey*. (For more about Lyle, see next page.) ...Luella and **Red Page** spent ten days in late April and early May in Scotland, where they visited Luella's ancestral Maclellan castle in Kirkcudbright. "We stayed at Selkirk where Bobby Burns wrote the Selkirk Grace (1794) and did some of his drinking and writing. The area now is much as it was in 1600. Also stopped in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Perth." Back in the States, they stopped in Cleveland for several days en route to California. They conclude, "Expect to see our classmates at the 55th Reunion." ...A lively and loving crowd attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Chris and **Aaron Schefkind** at Hokpins Inn, Lake Waramaug, Conn., on June 19, 1987. The party was arranged by their daughters, Judy and Joyce. Aaron and Chris renewed their vows and were toasted with champagne. A delightful luncheon followed. Dusty and **Dick Roberts** were also recognized, since this date was their anniversary, too—but only their 48th. ...Dot and **Dick Sweet** arrived at their summer camp at North Haven, Maine, in late June, after visiting friends, including the Carpenters and relatives en route from their winter residence in Pennsylvania. ...Jane **Bill** wrote that **Spud** always looked forward with such delight to his college reunions that he would have liked to be part of the 55th and she made a class donation in his name. ...Dot **Weier**, the splendid pianist at our 50th and honorary member of '33, is looking forward to meeting many of their old friends at the 55th. ...Helen and **Rollin Campbell, Ginnie Whittier Warthin**, and **Phil** and **Helen Easton Carpenter** attended the Class of '32 55th Reunion to pick up ideas for our own. Needless to say, we are making plans to see you all and have more memorable times. So mark your calendars now for Reunion Weekend, May 27-29, 1988. ...Among those attending the 1987 reunions were several small children (class of 2000?) who were attentive and very well behaved. One young man rode in to the Saturday convocation on his father's shoulders and sat quietly during the class presentations. Another child arrived at Sunday morning choir rehearsal in his mother's arms and walked out during the recessional holding her hand. Good starts for future classes. ...Incidentally, the powers that be have seen fit to renumber all houses in the state of Rhode Island, upgrading our house number from 18 to 83, as you will note in the heading above. We love to receive your letters and cards and want you to know that we treasured every Christmas card last year, keeping them for months and enjoying them many times over. Thanks!

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth French, 765 Union Ave., #406, Lakeport Square, Laconia, NH 03246, and Douglas E. Howie, P.O. Box 635, Walpole, NH 03608.*

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Brown Hoffman** who has received the 1987 Golden Poet Award for her poem "Quest." The Golden Poet Award is the highest World of Poetry honor. She also recently achieved the distinction of honorable mention in The World Poetry Contest for her poem, "Snow." Describing that poem, Betty states, "I think it will have a different personal meaning to each one who reads it." You will have a chance to see "Snow" at Christmas time when you receive your usual greetings from your class secretaries. ...You will be relieved to know that Betsy and **Douglas E. Howie** have NOT moved to London! Quite the contrary. An error in printing somehow lost a line or two. It is Doug and Betsy's daughter and husband who moved to London, England. Doug wants you to know that he is still to be found in Walpole, as usual. Doug admits that "Betsy and I have been up here in New Hampshire for almost 13 years and we had never actually seen the face of the 'Old Man of the Mountain.' About a week ago we decided it was about time to pay him a visit. We drove over to Manchester, Vt., then up to Middlebury, stopped for lunch, had a short visit with Gordie Perine '49, Bob Peskin, and a few others. We went up to Stowe for overnight and the next day we went through Smuggler's Notch (no 55 MPH on *that* road!), returning east to New Hampshire again, down through Franconia Notch, and to the area provided to view the Old Man. The view was great in every direction but UP. There was a dense blanket of clouds from about 100 feet up. I guess the Old Man was there somewhere, but you can't prove it by ME! Maybe we will try again another time with better luck." ...Red '37 and **Alice Parsons Harris** enjoyed meeting old friends at Red's 50th Reunion at Middlebury. Red had been active in planning for the reunion and was instrumental in its success. Alice brought back the good news that Joan Todd will be in charge of our Class of '34 55th Reunion. ...Earlier in the spring, Betsy and Doug Howie had lunch with **Wilbert** and **Ruth Hanchett Hutton**. Wil was getting around nicely without his cane, but usually keeps it handy to be used more as a "security blanket," as he describes it. ...En route home from visiting her daughter in Boston, **Sands Burchard Robart** encountered a flood on route 93. She finally got a tow wrecker who transported her safely to her own door. Quite an experience! Her grandson, Nicholas, is now one year old. ...On June 6, Arthur and **Thelma Fuller Heckman** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their son and daughter's surprise party at Lake Shore Village Resort in Weare, N.H. We wish them many happy returns. ...Although we are always glad to hear from **Raymond Mercier**, we wish his news could be better. This brave gentleman had to undergo another operation, known as T.V.R.P. in March and was unable to do very much for some time. ...Charlie and **Margaret Smith Thrasher** came home from Florida in late April, then traveled to Maryland to help celebrate the 20th wedding anniversary of son Douglas and his wife, Elizabeth. While the latter took a trip to England, Peg says, "We were pressed into service to care for the two cats, one dog, and three daughters, ages 14, 11, and 8. It was a real eye-opening experience for us oldsters, and I am convinced there is NO WAY to age gracefully! At Charlie's 55th reunion, we went prepared for chilly Vermont weather in May and nearly died of the heat! It was wonderful to see **Alice Parsons Harris** and visit awhile." ...In Laconia, N.H., "The traffic you would just not believe!" states **Elizabeth French**. "Police officials said you could have jumped on the hood of a car in the South-bound lane of route 95 in Saugus, Mass., and walked north to Mount Washington Valley, without ever touching the pavement!" ...We are very sad to learn

Recollections of things lost

"It was a long time going," says Lyle Glazier '33 about his novel *Summer for Joey,* which he began in 1941 and didn't have published until just last spring.

The novel is a fictionalized memoire about a boy growing up in a poor, rural Massachusetts town in the summer of 1920. Glazier's main character, Joey Barber, is 11 years old and trying understand the world around him. That world is alternately idyllic (like when he goes on a fishing expedition), puzzling (when he can't figure out how the schoolmaster happened to die in Mrs. Burns' bedroom), and sad (as when his mother forbids him from visiting an artistic boy who is dying of tuberculosis.) For Joey, this summer brings the loss of childhood innocence and lots of growing pains.

Although the novel has received good reviews and has been well-received by New England readers, Glazier remembers when he first tried to have the opening chapter published in 1942. "I sent 'Fisherman's Day' to *The New Yorker*," he says, "being naive." Glazier recalls with amusement that his rejection letter urged, "Send us something shorter soon."

Glazier is also the author of a book of literary criticism and several volumes of poetry. Another book, called *Azubah Nye* will be published by next spring; it explores the identity of his grandfather's great-grandmother, who was thought to be part American Indian, and it traces the family history of the 20th-century Glaziers.

He calls the narrative of *Summer For Joey* "part lyrical": "It is an attempt to reconstruct a world that I'd lost." He points out, "You know, *A la Recherche de Temps Perdu* is not the recollection of things past but things *lost*."

Yes, Glazier says, he has suffered losses in his life. When he was only 21, both his parents committed suicide. His wife, Amy Niles Glazier '33, passed away early this year. Glazier calls her "a more distinguished Middlebury graduate than I" (she was valedictorian and the recipient of the Dutton Fellowship) and "a great help."

Glazier's teaching career is as expansive as his writing career. He has taught at Bates, Tufts, and SUNY at Buffalo, where he earned the title of professor emeritus of English. Glazier also has the honor of having been the first chairman of American Literature at the University of Istanbul. Altogether, Glazier has spent a total of four years in Turkey, and he has traveled extensively in India, too. "In Turkey," he says, "you have no responsibilty for the society around you—you're an observer. And that makes you look at your own society."

Glazier clearly has a sense of responsibility toward his community. An active citizen of Bennington, Vermont, for 15 years in retirement, he is presently one of the 13-member Charter Review Commission of Bennington. He considers his task "a privilege."

When he's not examining the town charter, Glazier is often reading his work for New England audiences. He enjoys reciting a section of *Joey* in which the character of his grandfather speaks, because he gets to imitate the appropriate accent and cadence. "I think I sound like my grandfather," says Glazier. "It's fun."

Erik Borg

Despite his attachment to his grandfather's "drawling tenor," Glazier feels closest to his main character. He quotes Wordsworth's famous lines: "The Child is Father of the man/ And I could wish my days to be/ Bound each to each by natural piety." "Exactly what I was then shaped what I am now," says Glazier. "It was all there."

—Leslie Virostek '88

of the death of Dr. **Kendall Paul Thomas**. He so much wanted to attend our 55th Reunion and had hoped to make it.

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Class Secretaries: *Avis E. Fischer, 6438 Sunset Drive, Frederick, MD 21701, and W. Wyman Smith, 325 College St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. James Cooper (Harmony Buell), 30 Glenwood Drive, Brewster, MA 02631, and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Beaver Meadow Village, 21 Piscataqua Road, Concord, NH 03301.*

We all appreciate the fine job **Fran Wilkinson Russ** and **George Deming** have done through their years as class agents. Now Fran reports that our class made a really good showing again this year with 89 out of 118 classmates remembering Midd. Considering that this was not a reunion year for us, she thought it an enviable record. Fran and daughter Priscilla and son Bob, with his three girls, spent some happy days recently at Lake Mansfield. Scorching weather kept the girls in the water most of the time, but cooler days allowed for some hiking and climbing of trails. Armed with her trusty hiking stick for balance, Fran was pleased she could keep up with the younger bunch—or at least meet them at the next corner! Fran also reports a visit from Carl '30 and **Mary Dansereau Howard** in June after Mary celebrated her 55th reunion at Stevens High, Claremont, N.H. In a May letter, Mary mentioned a recurrence of her disc problem earlier in the year, followed by a dental one. With returning health, she and Carl were looking forward to visiting family and friends in northern New England. Later in August, she and Carl planned to visit their daughter and his family in northern California. Each winter Carl interviews students from their area (southwestern Connecticut) who wish to go to Middlebury. The admissions office sent them a letter this year stating that there were 3,800 freshman applications, up from 3,440 last year. Carl's happy he doesn't have to choose who gets in and who doesn't—an awesome task. ...Next time you're browsing in a bookstore, you might look for a new biography, *Sergei Prokofieff*, by Harlow Robinson, a professor in Russian studies at SUNY in Albany, N.Y. What you won't see on the inside jacket is that Harlow is the son of **Kay Chaffee Robinson**. The book has had good reviews in the major news media, including *The New York Times*, for which he writes periodically. Harlow has been an interpreter for the Soviet quartet which recently performed at the Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn. The Robinsons visited another son, John, who works in Washington, D.C., as deputy chief assistant to Representative Jim Wright of Texas, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Kay called recently from a mutual friend's home in Brewster to bring us up to date. In June they had dinner and a fine visit with **Evelyn Poppel Gerard** in Ogunquit, Maine. ...**Barbara Lyons Steele** was scheduled to have a complete hip replacement operation at Bennington's Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in August.

Best wishes from us all for a good recovery. ...In June, **Janice Orton Spallholz** flew to Texas to attend a grandson's high school graduation. She was also hoping to have a trip to Sante Fe while there. Janice's hometown of Salem, N.Y., supports not one, but two summer theatres during the season. She also rents her upstairs apartment to four people from one of the troupes from New York City. ...It's hard to think of a more satisfying, exciting way to celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary than listening to the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at the Festival in Salzburg, Austria. That's where Ray and **Bunny Baker Cobb** have been planning to be for their special observance. Meanwhile they had a marvelous party at their summer home in Wellfleet, Mass., on the 4th of July weekend. Armistead and **Eleanore Cobb Lee** came, as well as Bunny's sister from Bremerton, Wash. A German exchange student, Wolfgang, who had stayed with Bunny and Ray many years and adopted them as extra family, came from Germany with his girlfriend and stayed two weeks. Children and grandchildren also came. Cousins who had been at their wedding on June 19, 1937, came with their children and grandchildren. Son Gerry cooked a salmon on the grill and an expert was there to pry open the raw oysters! It was a great day. Bunny says Ray worked too hard on his garden which probably contributed to his subsequent case of walking pneumonia, but he made a speedy recovery and they were looking forward keenly to the Austrian trip. ...For more than 25 years the Middlebury College Tri-State Alumnae Association has been meeting two or three times each year. At a luncheon meeting on August 6, Gordie Perine '49 spoke with optimism on the present state of the College. He was well received by the 60 members in attendance, who included **Marion Cole Morhouse, Bevalie Cone Pritchard, Louise Hubbard McCoy, Agie Harris Finger**, and two guests, Mona Meacham and Katie Brooks. An auction followed the luncheon and the Alumni Fund was the richer for it. Jane Abbott Barry '38 (29 Union St., Keene, NH 03431; telephone 603-352-4509) the effective and enthusiastic leader of this happy group, is looking forward to the spring, summer, and fall meetings for 1988. ...Dottie and **Ham Shea** were in Vermont this summer visiting their daughters, Mira Shea '75 and Dorothy Shea Weinstein '70, as well as visiting **John Holmes** at the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington. Mira, who lives in Essex Junction with husband Mike O'Hara, is the director of development and public relations for the Girl Scout Council of Vermont. Mike is with the Vermont State Program for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, directing public schools, through their teachers, in combatting these problems. In St. Johnsbury, Dorothy and her husband, David Weinstein '68, are both very involved with community affairs. She works with the State Council on the Humanities; Mike, a lawyer, is chairman of the school board. They are the parents of Anna, Allison, and Jill. Ham and Dottie seem to be well and active. Your class secretary for men again lost money ($.10) to a classmate on the Middlebury golf course. Of more importance is Ham's membership on the College Board of Overseers, and his particular interest in the curriculum, as well as in the recruitment of minority applicants and their adjustment to college life. ...**Bill Carter** is recovering slowly from an illness which has left him unable to get about as well as he would like. He has also been hampered in his hobbies of gardening, landscaping, bird-watching, and soil conservation. However, he is optimistic and reports that "I was swimming today in the beautiful pond we had dug below our house in Princeton" (Mass.). Brought up in Vergennes, his interest in swimming and environmental affairs may have started on Otter Creek. "In the days before we owned a car, our family used to boat down the eight miles from Vergennes to Lake Champlain, and four miles north along the Vermont shore to our favorite spot, where we pitched our tents by the lake. Our camp was located at Hawkins Bay, very near the mouths of the Little Otter and Lewis Creek, great for canoeing and birding and still beautifully wild and unspoiled to this day." Now in Princeton, Mass., his solar-heated home, located a few minutes from the Mt. Wachussett State Park and ski resort, uses wood as well as oil as stand-by fuel. He misses felling and splitting all of his own wood supply each year. Chairman of the English department at Clark University for 13 years, Bill now has problems with his vision and difficulty reading. Reports Bill, "I am doing better than a few months ago. Harriet and I hope to spend some time again this summer on Lake Champlain." We all wish you well and hope to see you both at our next reunion in 1991, or sooner. ...Prior to our 50th Reunion, **Dick Dempewolff** had described himself as a globetrotter who puts in hours at the typewriter. True to form, he reported in a long letter of recent and future travel, involving friends and family, between Vermont and Florida. In Vermont there was to be a nephew's wedding and a visit with **Johnny Holmes**. Cape Cod was to include sailing up to the Isles of Shoals, islands "which I once wrote about in a book, but have never seen." Interestingly his book was commissioned in 1941 by **Howard Cady** for the Stephen Daye Press. For several weeks last winter Dick and Vera were in Georgia following the death of his brother and the consequent care and relocation of his brother's wife. At the close of his letter he spoke in anticipation of brighter days while on a journey of many weeks to the Orient, starting in September. ...Peg and **Bob Brown** were looking forward to a meeting of the American Bar Association in San Francisco. He is a member of the national committee on his special interest in real property, trust, and probate law. He values the effectiveness of committee work but adds, "About half the worth is what you pick up at the seminars and the other half is from 'talking shop' with lawyers you meet and visit with in casual conversation." Peg's health has improved greatly since the 50th Reunion. She and Bob are both on the board of directors of the St. Albans Kings Daughters Home, a home for elderly women who are ambulatory and require minimal care. They say the project depends "on a lot of mileage from some unselfish, dedicated ladies." Concerning the Supreme Court, he asserts that he has been "'ticked off' by the need to register as a foreign agent to show a Canadian film on acid rain." On the other hand he is pleased with the Court's decision that "you (any government) can't take somebody's seacoast unless you pay for it." Bob likes the discipline of working three days a week and anticipates full retirement next year with a schedule "to keep me going 'aimfully.'" ...**Malcolm Gross** sent an article from *The Orleans County Monitor* of May 2, 1922. As a pictorial supplement, it features Middlebury College and its new president, Paul D. Moody, who stated, "Content with the size of the college, we seek future growth in quality only." This four-page supplement coincided with a campaign to raise one million dollars. Said Prexy, 64 years ago, "Middlebury is not asking for buildings. State aid to all Vermont colleges is to be reduced 10 percent annually, and the income from our goal of $1,000,000 will yield $50,000 to maintain the high grade of instruction which we believe the boys and girls of Vermont are entitled." One of many photographs shows a close-up of Mead Memorial Chapel and its words, "The Strength of the Hills is His Also." A caption notes, "Dartmouth sings of granite in her veins. Middlebury feels no less enduring, built in Marble." ...We regret to report the death of **John Holmes** at his home on July 31, 1987. He will be greatly missed. An obituary follows in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Harry K. Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 West Devonshire Road, Delafield, WI 53018, and Mr. Pierce G. Couperus, RR 2, Box 950, Shaker Road, New London, NH 03257.*

Outgoing Class Secretary **Gertrude Dole** reports: The afterglow of our three-day 50th Reunion celebration is still bright. We can't resist the urge to pass along to all the class some of your comments to **Lois Bestor Craig** and the Alumni Office. Some spoke of their personal experience: "...so glad I went to the 50th; it was SO rewarding." "Memorable is the best description for the weekend." "It surpassed all expectations I had....I came away with great memories and good feelings." "We loved every moment and now, in retrospect, we'll treasure them in our minds!" "I enjoyed the wonderful food at the banquet, and the cocktail hour in that beautiful location." "I returned home feeling young again and really rejuvenated, very satisfied, and very happy." "I am still on cloud 9—What can I say? Wonderful, wonderful." Another theme was friendships, old and new: "It was great seeing old friends and making a whole lot of new ones! The whole reunion was tremendous!" "Everything was so well planned, so cordial were the people involved, so wonderful just to be back with our friends that superlatives are in order. I am everlastingly grateful for having gone to that little college in the Vermont hills." "I made a whole bunch of new friends and it was all great!" "I surely enjoyed meeting with many old friends, but perhaps my greatest moment came in meeting Dr. Freeman. I never knew him when I was a student!" "I think we enjoyed talking with current students most of all. The student hosts were terrific!" Others also wanted to express their gratitude: "We enjoyed very much our 50th reunion activities and want to tell all who contributed their time, talents, and energy how much pleasure it gave us and what a special and memorable event it was!" "Thanks from two grateful reuners (is there such a word?)" "Middlebury sure does know how to put on a reunion party!" "A smashing success! Everyone left with a mixture of reluctance to have it all end and a glow of appreciation and pride in our college." "I can't stop bragging about Midd and the red carpet treatment that was extended to us all. It was just the best from beginning to end!" A note from **Barbara Gregory Hopkins** about says it all: "The most difficult part of the experience was responding to family and friends when they asked, 'Did you have a good time?' There seemed to be no words that truly described those three days. The feelings of belonging—of togetherness, of caring for one another—are difficult to communicate. It was as though time stood still, and all our varied experiences, accomplishments, joys, sorrows—everything was somehow all leveled off, and we were together, enjoying old friends, finding

new friends and having the common ground of overwhelming pride and joy in being part of the class of '37. Needless to say we all felt the intense influence it has had on our lives, varied as they have been. It was a precious time and will become a precious memory. I wish everyone could have been there, and we missed those who were unable to come. It did mean so much." ...And a letter from **Dottie Mathison Scott** sums up our group reactions: "We are still basking in the glow of that wonderful 50th Reunion! It was a *marvelous* and *memorable* weekend—so good to see so many classmates! And, more than ever, it seems impossible that 50 years have passed!" In June Dottie entertained some of the New Jersey contingent of our class at her home in Saddle River, for lunch "and many happy reflections on that lovely reunion weekend—with some pictures to show for it." Attending that mini-reunion, in addition to Dottie, were **Mildred Moore Sheehan, Eleanor Milligan Dormont, Ruth Van Sickle Dyer**, and **Elizabeth MacArthur. Sherry Delfausse** and **Jessamine Hale Mensing** could not make it this time, but they all look forward to another luncheon in the fall. Last fall Dottie and Bob made their second visit to Tokyo to see their daughter, Joanne, who joined them for several days in Bangkok—"a fabulous golden fantasy land, but also a land of contrasts." From there they went to Hong Kong to begin a two-week trip into the People's Republic of China, with visits to Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Xian, and the Beijing area. Part of the time they traveled by private car with a driver and guide, which made the trip most educational and informative. Two of the many high points of the tour for them were seeing the terra cotta soldiers in Xian and walking on the Great Wall. In February the Scotts had joined other Middlebury alums and friends for a thrilling ski experience in the Swiss Alps, under the excellent leadership of Bobo Sheehan '44, Steve Lathrop '73, and Howard Kelton. During the summer Dottie and Bob were more sedentary, spending several weeks on the Cape; but they planned to take a three-week tour of Alaska and Victoria, B.C., toward the end of the summer. ...Botanist Randy Landgren, of the Middlebury faculty, has provided some additional information about the memorial tree that was dedicated to our deceased classmates during our reunion: "It is a metasequoia (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*), also known as dawn redwood. The tree grows quickly to an ultimate height of 75 feet. The branches and stem form graceful pyramids which provide stability. The foliage is similar to that of hemlocks, but is replaced each year. In the fall, the needles turn rusty-red before they are dropped. The tree is oriental, coming to us from Japan and presumably ultimately from China. It was known as a fossil before it was known as a living tree. Fossils of the species in the genus cover an area similar to that covered by the ginkgo, another tree known in fossil form before the modern species was discovered by Western societies." ...I (**Gertrude Dole**) want you to know that I have enjoyed immensely hearing from you and passing along your news through the class notes. I wouldn't give up the job now, if I were not forced to by circumstances. I do hope that even more of you will write to **Mel Couperus** and to **Barbara Gregory Hopkins**, who succeeds me. *We all* want to read news of *you all.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Fred Barry (Jane Abbott), 29 Union St., Keene, NH 03431, and Nelson M. Camp, P.O. Box 526, Southbury, CT 06488.*

Now that **Robert** and Page Grosenbaugh '40 **Rowe** have both retired, they can spend more time at their Maine cottage. From their headquarters in Ridgefield, Conn., travel is generally to visit their children: daughter Ellen is on the faculty at UConn (music department) and has a jazz ensemble; in Great Falls, Va., son Tim '73 conducted his own symphony in April; son Chris is an art instructor at Concord Academy; daughter Judy Michaels '66 writes and teaches at Princeton Day School; son Randy '70 is a designer in wood in Massachusetts. What an artistic family! ...**Janet Randall Morgan** tells of two interesting trips she and Dale have taken during the past year. Last fall they spent five weeks traveling throughout Great Britain. This summer they visited the Canadian Maritimes. This trip included the Cabot Trail and a "Tatoo" in Nova Scotia. Summer is also their time to entertain families—in installments! Between her children and Dale's, they have 21 grandchildren! The "whale watchers," mentioned in **Emily Barclay Jackson**'s news last issue will be joined by **Tommy Leslie Hall** and **Nonny Allen Leslie** and their husbands for their annual weekend at Tanglewood. ...Chuck '37 and **Helene Cosenza Chase** took a Smithsonian tour in Canada this summer. They were anticipating a move from Maryland to Keene, N.H., late this fall. ...We have been informed of the death of **Elin Handyside Hoag**. Although she left Middlebury at the end of her sophomore year, she left a lasting impression on those of us who knew her well. ...The latest letter from **Phyllis Malcolm Mithassel** reads like the ad from a travel agency! First there is a trip to Australia and New Zealand. "High spot was Alice Springs in the Outback, and a climb up Ayers Rock—no mean feat at 69." Phyl describes New Zealand scenery as a cross between Vermont and Alaska. Next jaunt, on to the Bahamas for a Thanksgiving family reunion at her brother's home. En route, a stop in Florida to visit **Tanny Tuthill Cartwright**. This visit included a pep talk for attending our 50th. Then in February there was a six-week freighter trip to ports in Australia and New Zealand. She concludes: "Have to use up that 'down under' currency left over from the October trip. And a Happy Thanksgiving to you all." ...If you have not yet done so, mark your calendars now for our 50th Reunion, May 26-29, 1988. It is our *only* 50th, and our co-chairs **Emily Barclay Jackson** and **Sherb Lovell** have some great plans.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner (Ruth Coleman), RD 2, Box 102B, Whitehall, NY 12887.*

Last spring, Correan and **Bob Cushman** had "another odyssey" with her brother and wife in their motor home. The weather was perfect all the way as they visited all the national parks and monuments from Death Valley in southern California to White Sands, N.M., and north to Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah. In May the Cushmans were at home in Middlebury, busy with their flower gardens and around for reunion. They visited with their daughter in Louisville, Ky., for a week in June. ...As a "wash-ashore" Cape Codder, **Bud (Roland) Wolcott** continues to find retirement stimulating and rewarding. He plays tennis and golf, travels and delivers Meals on Wheels. Bud and Marjorie enjoy the various social and cultural activities of the Boston area and keep a very full calendar. The Midd grads they meet on the Cape quite frequently tend to be younger than '39. Their "latch string is out to any young and old from the class of '39 and the bar is always open." ..."Second retirement was postponed again in January" for **Dick Sabra**. He decided to continue for another year as director of the summer session at Rutgers University's Newark campus. However, he is confident he will retire officially before our 50th Reunion and looks forward to seeing all our '39 classmates. "Should any of you be in or near Summit, N.J., Anne and I would love to have you visit us." ...**Helen Burgess Lord** keeps active with family of two sons, a daughter, and a granddaughter; plus one female cat who "runs the house." Now retired, Helen is still residing on Long Island. She looks forward to class news in the *Magazine* and we hope she will come to our 50th for a first-hand edition of '39 news. ...**Ray** and **Ruth Coleman Skinner** had a summer busy with gardening and family, enjoying their pool as a relief from heat and humidity. In September, Ray and Ruth planned a National Parks tour with **Mel** and **Dot Korb Carter**, traveling two weeks from El Paso to Denver.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert T. Alden (Barbara Plumer), Otterside #A-3, Middlebury, VT 05753, and James A. Cornwall, 156 Park St., East Hampton, MA 01027.*

Many thanks to all who returned cards. As you can see, your news is printed about six months after being received, but it does finally get into our column! ...**Bill Wyman** reports from Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, that he is now a grandfather four times. He has a son in Milwaukee and a daughter in Brattleboro. Bill, who came down for our 45th, is looking forward to the 50th. He'll be pleased to see the attractive DKE house which compliments the corner by the library. ...**Hal Gordon** is one of our California classmates. He was planning a motor trip this year through Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Western Canada to enjoy the state and national parks. Hal wants to get back to Midd in 1990 for our 50th and looks forward to seeing ex-roommates **Os Tower** and others. He presumes he can be provided with a heating pad, wheelchair or walker, if necessary—let's hope he needs none of them! ...**Verna George Bain** of San Diego, Calif., writes that she has been retired from educational administration for about a year. She belongs to a walking group and they walk *everywhere*. She has logged over 3,000 miles in three years in various European countries. She has been preparing to leave for her first Elderhostel venture which will take her to three different universities in China for a total of four and a half weeks. Sounds like a great adventure! ...After 41 years of legal practice in Providence, R.I., **Bob Pickard** has announced his retirement as of December 31, 1987. Marge and the children and grandchildren will keep him busy. Class Agent Bob is the "needle" for continuing annual class contributions and has begun planning for our 50th. ...**Betty Rosebaugh Nicholson** of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., reports that she is happy to read about our Vermont snow, but she prefers their sand which is almost as white as snow. She lives in the panhandle of Florida, about halfway between Pensacola and Panama City. Their area is not heavily advertised and they still don't have wall-to-wall condos. They have three distinct seasons with changes of flora, fauna, and clothes. She and husband Hunter

make a home for her 90-year-old mother, so they don't get out too much. She'll be happy to welcome visitors; if nearby, call 267-2556 for directions to Dalay's Road. ...At Falmouth on Cape Cod, Bill and **Betty Carpenter Metcalf** thoroughly enjoy retirement—Bill from oceanography to gardening, Betty from teaching to homekeeping, cooking, and needlework. Of their children, one is a teacher in Hardwick, Vt.; one a school psychologist in New Hampshire; and two are on Cape Cod, one as a McDonald's manager and one a bicycle dealer. They also have eight grandchildren, six boys and two girls. Last year's travels included a trip to Nova Scotia and south to visit relatives and Civil War battlefields. This summer they were planning to go camping and hiking in Ontario, near Lake Huron. ...**Frankie Cornwall Hutner** reports that she has been doing a lot of speaking before various groups on pay equity, the subject of her recent book. Being president of the Princeton Research Forum, an organization of independent research scholars, keeps her busy. She is still a director of Central Vermont Public Service, of Connecticut Valley Electric Company, and of Pulsifer and Hutner, Inc. Frankie is also a trustee of Green Mountain College. She is now "gran" to five grandchildren, but still finds time for tennis and skiing. ...Despite bad weather and a busier-than-ever retirement, **Priscilla Belcher** got to the Boston alumni luncheon and, after 40 years, met with her sophomore roommate, **Natalie Bailey Phillips**. Natalie lives in Carver. They were so happy to recognize each other. They were very impressed with President Olin Robison, who was the speaker. Priscilla recently completed chairing a senior citizen survey, and other retirement activities seem to multiply. During the summer she planned to try an Elderhostel in New Brunswick. Her next big project is getting ready for a trip to China—a dream of a lifetime since she was born there and left at an early age. She finds the planning both exciting and formidable. She won't be able to get to her birthplace, but will be near it. Have a great trip, Priscilla! ...**Lois Whittier Batten**'s husband retired in 1980 from being senior vice president and general counsel for ANR. Son Bill (Olivert College '67 and Washington and Lee Law '73) lives with his wife and 9-year-old son in Waterville, Maine, where he works at Davian, Tabar, and Batten. Son Fred '69 (and Washington and Lee Law '73) lives in Detroit, Mich., with his wife and 3-year-old daughter. He works at Clark, Klein, and Beaumont. Lois's son, Jim (Alma College '70 and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary '72) is a director of United Methodist Retirement Homes, Detroit, Mich. It's good to hear that Lois still has time to play golf three or four times weekly in the summer, bowls in the winter, plays a lot of bridge, runs rummage sales for her church, and enjoys the grandchildren. ...Bob '38 and **Page Grosenbaugh Rowe** of Ridgefield, Conn., are both retired, which means more time at their Maine cottage, especially in the fall. For the activities of their five children, please see Bob's notes under the class of '38. Bob and Page have been regulars at Homecoming and so we expect them at our 50th. ..."Porky" and **Doris Keefer Kinsey** are enjoying the renovation of a very old home on the water in Oriental, N.C. She describes Oriental as a unique town with lots of retired people but also many young families. She recently won the local tennis tournament. Their children are widely scattered about the country. They winter in Florida. ...**Louise Gove Hawkins** says that she enjoys reading about other classmates. She still lives in the old house they bought in 1944 and the upkeep, which she really enjoys, has become a challenge. She is glad to have kept the old homestead, as the families of her children and her four step-sons all find Walpole, Mass., a good stop-over in their travels. Also the grandchildren in New England colleges can get together for holidays at her home. Graduations and weddings of family members are another source of joy for her. She has retired from the children's book world, but keeps busy with volunteer work with ACS. Church and community work fill her calendar. It's always fun to have a visit with Louise and with **Marge Burditt Striker** when they come up to Midd for various college weekends. ...**Ellen Rhodes McCarthy** recently retired as a professor and program head of medical assisting at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College of Richmond, Va. She now has time to enjoy her pool, her Shik Tzu, and sailing out of Norfolk with her son and his wife. Her son, John, is head athletic director at the Norfolk Naval Base; his wife, Linda, is head of recruitment on the East Coast for the Coast Guard. They live at Virginia Beach in a beautiful new condo—with guest quarters for Ellen, of course! She was hoping to visit Boston and Vermont during the fall of '87. ...**Elaine Hodges Mason** is living in South Londonderry, Vt. She reports that having double cataracts tends to slow her down, but one was recently operated on and things should be improving. She retired last year and now hopes to have leisure time to garden and do lots of reading. ...Please keep the news coming—it's great hearing from you all.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Elaine Wadlund House, RD 1, Box 3039, Hyde Park, VT 05655, and Lester W. Ingalls, Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Although you're reading these notes as winter approaches, the College on the Hill was at its loveliest during the Middsummer (couldn't resist that). Just in time for the Language Schools to begin in June, old Painter Hall (1815) reopened after a year of major renovation. Just 50 years ago, in September 1937, some of us occupied rooms there upon completion of an earlier rebuilding (1936) at which time Painter was gutted to a shell. A virtually new building was then constructed—of steel, brick, and concrete—inside the old structure. This time (1986-87) the central stairwell was removed, rooms were constructed in its place, and two new stairwells were built where Registrar Jennie Bristol and Dean Eleanor Ross used to hang out. To accommodate these changes in the upper floors, the front corner suites were transformed into bathrooms and stairwell access corridors. All the rooms were redecorated and have been refurnished with new desks, chairs, beds, etc. New wiring, plumbing, heating, sprinklers, and fire alarms were installed. To complete the job, an access ramp for handicapped has been added at the front middle entrance. Altogether a decided improvement all 'round, as Painter—the oldest college building in Vermont—heads toward its third century! ...During the summer, Priscilla and **John Hicks** were in Middlebury for a visit from Carmel, Calif., while arranging for disposition of their former home in Amherst, Mass. Toni and **Bob Martin** spent most of July and August enjoying Middlebury and the New England countryside, away from their year-round domicile in Miami, Fla. It was great to see them all again. ...**Barbara Wells** and **Audrey Hope Wouters** had a wonderful trip in April to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. Accompanied by Audrey's 17-year-old granddaughter, Rachel, they covered over 2,000 miles in the tour bus in perfect weather. In June, Audrey and **Margaret Shaub** drove to Ottawa for their first Elderhostel, attending classes in French. There was ample opportunity to enjoy sightseeing in the beautiful Canadian capital. Shaubie also had a fabulous trip to the Far East in January: "My big trip was a three-week trip to Southeast Asia, which included Thailand (hill country and tribal villages in the north as well as Bangkok), Burma, Hong Kong, and a day in mainland China. Besides sightseeing, the tour focused on visits to schools, churches, social service centers, and many rewarding contacts with nationals. A tremendously exciting experience. In June, on a visit to Waldboro, Maine, I dropped in on **Robbie Robinson Sedgwick**, who looked great." ...**Connie Girard Brown** reports that since reunion Ed has made great strides in rehab—has even played a little golf and is planning on much more this year. "We visited **Marge Barkdull** in Falls Church, Va., right after reunion. Our daughter and family live in northern Virginia, too, so hope to see more of Marge. Also saw **Charlie** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** for a short visit in May en route to their summer volunteer jobs in Kentucky. We spent a week in Midd the end of July—the usual relaxing, peaceful time. It's become a yearly event for us. **Joe (Summy)** and **Topsy Wadlund House** came down from Hyde Park to play golf with us and catch up on the news. The Myhre golf course intrigues us with its gorgeous views of the Green Mountains and the opportunity to see familiar faces in the club house."

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 29 Long Reach, Salem, NC 29676.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. A.E. Dimond (Louise Wilkin), 27 Long Hill Farm, Guilford, CT 06437, and Edward T. Peach, 14242 Deep Creek Road, Nevada City, CA 95959.*

Have you remembered to star your calendars, cancel childrens' weddings, postpone births of grandchildren, and change foreign travel plans so that you can attend our 45th Reunion on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29, 1988? Win and **Peggy Bowles Smith**, Gordon and **Ginny Carpenter Halstead** and **Skip Wilkin Dimond** have postponed their mailboat cruise along the Norwegian coast in order to attend. We hear that the Reunion theme will be low-key but upbeat—something for everyone. Meanwhile, keep in touch and let us know your whereabouts and news so that the next column will be the best ever!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles A. Brown (Elizabeth Broadbent), 625 Cedar Lane, Villanova, PA 19085, and Dr. George S. Harris, Jr., 212 Main St., Northfield, MA 01360.*

Chester ("Chet") Hale (H.C. 32, Box 41, Owl's Head, ME 04854) winters in Florida near Sanibel Island. He says he plays lots of golf and is an active pilot. Between Florida and Maine, Chet claims to have the best of both worlds. He has remarried and is grandfather to 12 kids! ...**Jane Stearns Brown** (3001 Fairlee Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031) is

"enjoying not taking courses, not teaching courses, not getting on a schedule." Most of her activities revolve around her friends, meeting and study groups, her garden ("inside and out"), and starting a new hobby. ...**Dorothy Ayers Ingalls** (36 Rivermount Terrace, Burlington, VT 05401) is "still working at UVM," but she has "a 10-month job which is great. Both my sons are still bachelors, so no new additions to the family." Her husband is working for the Champlain Housing Development. ...A card without any message was received from **Frederic B. Walker** (Box 882 South Harwich, MA 02661), so perhaps someone nearby could drop by and say hello to him. ...**William D. Neale** (708 Knollwood Drive, Largo, FL 34640) "will soon complete 40 years in the real estate business and haven't yet gotten sense enough to quit. Enjoy traveling when we can. In May went to San Francisco and then Yosemite for the first time. At year's end we are scheduled for a two-week Christmas and New Year's cruise from Tampa." ...**Don Roberts** (12645 Timber Ridge Circle, W. Palm Beach, FL 33414) is "adjusting to and coping with the shock of being a widower for the past 2-1/2 years. Sold our country home in the deep woods and bought another back in civilization. Spend most of my time caring for three cats (the boys), bicycling, gardening, playing jazz organ, keeping a neat home inside and out, and reminiscing about the good old days. Have enjoyed visits from **Pete** and Barb Busing '46 **Harris** and from Rachel and Hugh Mathews '45 during the past several years. If anyone remembers, we were all part of the swinging Black Panthers Band." ...**Ingrid Monk Stevenson** (14001 Elmstead Road, Midlothian, VA 23113) tells us that "**Bill** had a heart attack in March. He's made a full recovery and in six weeks was back to work full time—and plans to continue for two more years. We had a great fun trip to Hawaii last fall, and finally made it to Epcot and Disney World in the winter." ...**Parmly ("Lee") Clapp III** (Box 4502, Inglewood, CA 90309) is a photo journalist who has recently gone to Greece, Alaska, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Tokyo on assignments. His organization sells advertising and is a manufacturer}s representative in the western U.S. His wife, Phyllis, works at Wells Fargo Bank. Their son, PSC IV, is an engineer with Cotsworth Eng. (racing cars); daughter Pamela is in the decorative-floral-display business. ...John and **Jean Peirce Verville** (45 Bow Bog Road, Bow, NH 03301) are both retired. "We X/C ski, camp, canoe, hike, and are active in Audubon activities." They also volunteer at the hospital and for Public Radio. Two of their sons are married and live within three hours of them. ...Although **Ruth Hanna Burney** (Rte. 13, Box 124A, Concord, NH 03301) transferred to Simmons College, she still has "many fond memories of my first two years of college spent at Midd. After working for several years as a legal secretary in Boston, I married and moved with my husband to beautiful New Hampshire. I continued to work intermittently—still in the legal secretarial field—in between producing and raising six children. My husband passed away three years ago and the last of my children left the nest at the same time. So now I live alone on a lovely freshwater pond here, and am almost fully retired, except for the rare instances when I get a panic call for a secretary." ...**Phyllis Rutan Boucher** (27 Homestead Ave., Warwick, RI 02889) is involved in the "usual golf and gardening, and working on golf committees." ...**Alvin A. Rathbun** (120 Golden Oak Drive, Portola Valley, CA 94025) writes that his older daughter, Victoria, enrolled in the master's program in French, with summer at Middlebury and nine months in Paris. Being a Californian, "Vermont to her is strange and beautiful. From California, it's fun seeing Midd through her eyes. I'm retiring at the end of this year. My wife, Virginia, will 'hang it up' after 10 years in real estate." ...Having retired July 1, 1986, **Mabel Buttolph** (20 Peterson Terrace, South Burlington, VT 05403) is "loving every minute of it. Enjoy gardening and have time for long-neglected landscaping. Did such a good job of fertilizing the lawn that it has to be mowed almost every other day. Enjoy an occasional golf game, visiting, and fooling around. Will be in Englewood, Fla., the first three months of '88, right next door to brother Lute '40. Like to have visitors—especially in my camp in Belvedere, Vt." ...After 39 years, **David Stagg** (Mason's Point, Lake Bomoseen, VT 05732) "closed the Rutland, Vt., office of Connecticut General and moved desk, files, etc., to a small office in my residence. Still looking after my valuable clients and receiving monthly pension checks from Hartford, Conn., and Washington, D.C. Wife Evie (Evelyn Wheeler '39) is in her third term as state representative in Montpelier, and she is chairperson of the house Educational Committee." ...**Robert Darrow** (98 Allen St., Rutland, VT 05701) is "still active in the practice of general surgery" and continues to ski (Killington, Stowe, Snow Mass, Crested Butte), to fish (Iceland, Vermont, Alaska, N.Y.), and to backpack (New Zealand in 1986, Milford Track, Routeburn Track). He comments that "New Zealand is a clean, green, friendly place." ...Now "completely retired to the desert in the winter (459 Sunningdale Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270) and Vermont in the summer," **Robert "Bobo" Sheehan** is "playing a lot of golf. Took 20 people on a Midd ski tour to Verbier, Switzerland, in February. A great time. Hope to take another next winter—all alumni and friends of Midd are invited. Follow Patty quite often at LPGA tournaments." ...**Fiammetta "Ting" Donati Blossom** (1 Station St., Hingham, MA 02043) "retired in 1981 from public school teaching (26 years), kindergarten, French, and music. Presently teaching Italian for the adult ed program in Hingham. Also cashiering in local 5 & 10 (fun)." So far she has two grandsons, two granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter. ...**Barbara Hall Seay** (42 Blackfoot Court, Guildford, CT 06437) writes: "We moved one year ago to the present address where we are continuing to do antique shows in New England. It is pretty strenuous work, but we enjoy it. I had a delightful lunch with **Pat Rutan Boucher** in Providence where we were exhibiting. We hadn't seen each other in 43 years. She looked great! **Jane Stearns Brown** stops by on her way to Martha's Vineyard from Fairfax, Va. ...From the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* came the news that **Robert E. Reuman** (RFD 1, Box 460, Waterville, ME 04901) was recently honored as a Charles A. Dana Professor at Colby College. We have kept up with Bob and now discover that his research over the past five years has included the relationship of John Stuart Mill to the East India Company. ...Olav and **Dorothy Burton Skardal** have written from Norway to tell us of the April 4, 1987, marriage of their daughter, Ellen Tone, and Paul Tobiasson. The members of the bride's family wore their traditional national costumes and the traditional Norwegian wedding toasts were used at the small family reception following. Olav has officially retired from the University of Oslo, but he is starting a second career as a consultant in management training for small business groups. He is leading seminars on his SYMLOG system, as adapted to the Norwegian culture. Dot has embarked on yet another new research project to find and interview all surviving returned immigrants in Norway. Her interest extends to Norwegians who emigrated—to any place in the world outside Europe any time in this century—but returned to Norway after living abroad for at least two years. In addition she has her usual teaching work and she is writing papers for presentation at a conference in Uppsala, Sweden, and then in Oxford, England. Olav and Dot took off in August for their beloved Telemark cabin in the Norwegian mountains. ...Katharine Anne Brown, daughter of Charles and **Betty Broadbent Brown**, was married in June to Geoffrey Marchant, a teacher at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn. The wedding celebration at Hotchkiss lasted two days and brought together family and friends from as far away as California. The ceremony was performed by Headmaster Arthur White, who had the preceding day in Middlebury attended the wedding of his son, Damon (M.A. '86), and Gretchen Geer, who also studied at Bread Loaf. Middlebury graduates at Kathy and Geoff Marchant's wedding included Gretchen Lardner '87 and her parents Breck and Sue Hibbert Lardner, both '60, and **Janet Pflug Kleven**.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Winslow Wetherbee, Jr. (Barbara Boyden), 1642 18th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, and Will J. Bangs, 119 Bingham Road, Carlisle, MA 01741.*

The Howard N. Eavenson Award has been conferred on **A. William Calder** "for his outstanding mining industry leadership in research and development of machinery and systems to advance both productivity and safety." Bill is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Joy Manufacturing Company, a firm he joined as a research engineer in 1948. Besides his Middlebury degree, he holds a BSME from Case Institute of Technology. ...**Miriam Kendzur Kolodney** held a mini-reunion in March at her home in Clinton, Conn. She was hostess for the "pigtail kids," **Audrey Nunnemacher Pertl** of Salt Lake City, Utah, and **Nikky Lacey Patterson** of Pearl River, N.Y. The three visited houses under construction while Mim chatted about easements and variances. This is her sixth year on the local planning board. After a dinner that would have received an A+ from Miss Bowles (Mim was a home ec major), they had an exercise in "show and tell." Audrey showed snapshots from her recent trip to Australia where she spent Christmas in the bush and visited her son. Audrey still skis on the slopes east of Salt Lake City; her picture appeared in the *New York Times* last January. Nikky told of her self-study of the Hungarian language, and of swimming laps three times a week to increase her physical activity in retirement. She's working out the bugs in a plan to swim to Budapest! Plans for our 50th Reunion in 1995 include Mim playing the Midd carillon, Audrey schussing down the Snow Bowl, and Nikky just hoping to get there all in one piece.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Roy E. Coombs, Jr. (Fran Tenney), 30 Fern Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922, and Mrs. Albert S. Johnston (Eileen Luz), 54 Old Army Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924*

"Yes, there's life after 60 and retirement, especially if one enrolls in Elderhostel!" These words came in a glowing report from **Chris Becker Hutchinson**. She and Dave took part in the Elderhostel program in Australia and New Zealand last January. They spent a week each in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, plus several add-on weeks touring both countries, which have become very popular places for touring Americans. By the time they came home, Chris was having a bit of trouble with the seasons; leaving summer, they came home to get ready for more of the same! ...A short chat with **Mary Albertson Thom** revealed that her husband retired a year ago. They find "living both different and fun," as many of us are finding. One of her daughters is in Boston, the other in the Princeton area. ...Living seven months of the year in Hawaii and the balance of the year in Indiana may sound idyllic, but it does present problems for **Mary Caswell Jones** to have her two children living 6,000 miles apart (Maui and Vermont). Last January, her brother, Dick '48, and his wife visited her in Hawaii and then they all spent three weeks touring New Zealand in a motor home! April found her heading for the annual reunion at Hilton Head with Neal and **Cindy Darby Westmoreland**. Doug and Cam (**Joan Campbell**) **Shaw**, Bill and **Sheila Schmidt Rowland**, and Breezie (**Marilyn Arey McGeehan**) were also there at various times. Cas continues to play a lot of bridge and golf, registering a second hole-in-one this year! ...**Katherine Rowley Purinton** writes that she was married to Charles Tuttle in November 1986. ...If you think life in Maine might be too quiet for you, **Jean Smith Murphy** will assure you otherwise. After retiring three years ago as secretary of the Mid-Coast branch of the National Audubon Society, she found herself busy with volunteer work, simultaneously serving on three boards (for the state AAUW, the Midcoast Mental Health Center, and the Northeast District Board of the Unitarian-Universalist Association). Larry teaches English at Lincoln Academy and their two children are not far away. Jimmie was surprised to discover Adele Potteiger Edgerton sitting next to her in church one day. She and Hugh have retired to West Rockport, Maine. She also keeps in touch with Jay and **Nancy Depuy Kramer**. The Murphys have visited them in Dansville, N.Y., the past few summers. Jimmie has happy memories of our 40th—and we agree.

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Class Secretaries: *Rev. and Mrs. George H. Booth (Joanne Buckeridge), 3515 N. Washington Blvd., #401, Arlington, VA 22201.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Allen W. Stillman (Margery Lehmann), RD 3, S. Munger St., Middlebury VT 05753, and Robert N. Andersen, 12 Prout Ave., Troy, NY 12180.*

Bob '49 and **Kaye Sturges Trimmer** report a new address: 398 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312. They have both retired from teaching and are enjoying "plays, concerts, 'free' college courses and shopping for furniture bargains." They have a guestroom ready for folks en route to Florida. ...Another new address: Donald '49 and **Shirley Davidson Fowler** are at St. Thomas Church in Winn, Maine (04495). They spent 11 years in Bonne Bay, Newfoundland, where Don served a parish on the Labrador coast, traveling by snowmobile in winter and a small boat in summer. Shirley has retired from many years of teaching kindergarten, second grade, and a "very brief but dreadful stint in junior high." She also conducted worship services as a lay reader. In Maine, Don is now serving the church in Winn as well as one in Lincoln. They look forward to seeing more of their two children and three grandchildren. ...**Bartley Nourse** appeared at Reunion weekend with wife Tiffany Clark Nourse '47. Bart is retired from the National Council of Boy Scouts of America and is playing golf as well as doing volunteer church and museum work. Daughter Tiffany Nourse Sargent '79 is student employment coordinator at the College, secretary for the Midd-Vt. Alumni Association, and class secretary for '79. She helped with the Alumni Association raffle of a Prindle Wissler Mullin print of the town of Middlebury, which was won by **Doris (Perry) Maurer Thompson**. Perry also ran the annual book sale for Middlebury's Ilsley Library, where she volunteers in the children's room. ...**Frederick Johnston** made the local paper with his hole in one on the Ralph Myhre Golf Course. Fred is treasurer for the Midd-Vt. Alumni Association. ...Class of '48 members were numerous at the July 5 Pops Concert of the VSO. Middlebury area residents in attendance included Mary and **Walter Nelson**, Betty and **Charles Pierce**, Ella and **Thomas Johnson, Evan** and **Sally Peck Littlefield**, Mortimer and **Edith Titus Harman**, and Allen and **Margery Lehmann Stillman**. ...Another new address has arrived from **Kit Spaulding Ragone**: 52 Woodcliff Road, Wellesley, MA 02181. Husband Dave is now a visiting professor at M.I.T., after seven years as president of Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. They look foward to being in New England again and hope to make our 40th Reunion. ...**Frances Van Cleve Smith** claims competition with **Doris Palm Corliss**. She and Ben have been married for 18-1/2 years and have nine children and nine grandchildren, since each had children at the time of their remarriages. Fran hopes to get to Middlebury next year, "but Pahrump, Nevada, is a LONG way from Vermont." ...A sad note: Word has been received of the death on May 16, 1987, of **Audrey Leland Donaldson** at University Hospital of Cleveland after a five-year battle with cancer. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Dr. Frederick S. Donaldson '50 and their two children. ...Don't forget: Our 40th Reunion is coming May 27-29, 1988.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. George A. Platt (Rachel Adkins), 682 Mendon Road, Pittsford, NY 14534, and John H. Valentine, Jr., 566 Acton St., Carlisle, MA 01741.*

Alumni College '87 conversations with **David Thompson, Kyle Prescott**, and Kathy Mulligan Lord '72 yielded several notes of interest. ...**Edward "Pat" Mulligan** and his wife are having the time of their lives traveling to such places as Peru, Europe, and Arizona. He continues to work in his own business and has been known to say that "working for a living is highly overrated." ...**Bob Simpson** is on the move again. After five years or so in Hendersonville, N.C., he has headed north to Burlington, Ontario, where he overlooks Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River at the entrance to Hamilton harbor. Sounds like a gorgeous spot. ...Now retired from teaching, **Bob** and Kaye Sturges '48 **Trimmer** are settled at 398 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312. ...Another northerner who has headed south is **Herb Broner**. He is president and C.E.O. of Mohasco, which is in process of being moved from Amsterdam, N.Y., to Fairfax, Va. While seeing to a new building for his business, he is also building a new home. Sounds like a great venture all the way! ...As Trivial Pursuit has become such a popular game, we offer you *all* a challenge to come up with the answers to this trivia question: Who are the five members of the Class of '49 who received the most applause at the graduation ceremony and why? Please send your class secretaries your answers, your memories of that day, your impressions of where those five are today, and a sentence or two about what *you* are doing. Answers and comments will be forthcoming in a future column.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert T. Davison (Jacqueline Brooks), 86 Spring St., Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-3282), and Dexter C. Whittinghill, Jr., 24 Burroughs Road, Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-7738 home; 603-880-1212 work).*

The *Naugatuck Daily News* (Conn.) reports that **Bard Lindeman**'s column, "In Your Prime," will appear on their seniors page. Our award-winning journalist is still editor of *50-Plus*, a magazine created for those who never became a yuppie, but struggle to find happiness in golden years. Bard and Jan still live at #310-C 7004 Blvd. East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093. They use 201-869-6707 to call their three children, Leslie, Paul, and Janet. Bard writes that our generation of 60 million Americans over age 50 has drastically affected the job market, health care, and other social encounters, and that too many of us are unprepared to face the ramifications of this growth. After 30 years as a journalist/reporter/writer for AP, *NY World Telegram, Miami Herald, Saturday Evening Post, Family Circle*, etc. and authoring two books, Bard has vast experience in successful coping. What a fount of advice, as we wind down to active retirement. ...The newly-appointed principal of St. Thomas the Apostle School of East Norwalk, Conn., effective July 1, is **Richard Shea** of 38 Grandview Drive, Trumbull, CT 06611. All this was made possible by early retirement, after 35 years in the Trumbull public school system. Sounds to me like something Red Auerbach would negotiate! Better call 203-268-4254 to check for yourself. After Midd, Dick received his master's from Fairfield University and did further grad work at the University of Bridgeport, Columbia, and NYU. Who said jocks and Dekes didn't study? The Monsignor in the Bridgeport Diocese praised Dick to the newspapers, saying he "comes to our parish school with an outstanding record of teaching and administration....his commitment to Catholic education and his enthusiastic desire to work with students, faculty, parents, and the pastoral staff, promise us continuing success and a bright future." Dick adds, "I will be interested in increasing enrollment by developing the guidance program and exploring after-school activities....also, in providing programs which recognize individual talents and relate to the abilities of the students." ...A newsy letter came from **Chuck Wright** following his return from brief, frustrating, repetitive sur-

gery. He would appreciate your cards and news at Beneva Nursing Pavilion, 741 South Beneva Blvd., Sarasota, FL 33582. Chuck's "tolerance quotient" for 1962-87 major adversity is rated far above average by all who see, call, and write him. No one can match his courage and positive attitude (except Barbara). Their three children are scattered from Sacramento (Sandy) to Niagara Falls (Mark) to Florida (Jim in Navy). Barbara blooms as an "expert" in grandmothering-plus, as we verified in a recent call to 813-355-0398. ...**Bill Pihlcrantz** lives about 45 miles from Chuck at 809 Parkview, Arcadia, FL 33821, with Ma Bell extension 813-494-5041. Bill and his new wife (a nurse) visit Chuck every three months to share convict humor, sports trivia, and the latest Ollie North and Gary Hart stories. Bill thrives after conquering his own serious illness 2-1/2 years ago, and cheats retirement by teaching math at an area prison. During most of his working life, Bill was a successful fund-raiser for churches, hospitals, etc. ...Former fastballer **Jim Newman** and wife Beth (Huey '51) are still planted after 19 years at 103 West Willow Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. They respond cheerfully to calls at 312-394-1497, when not traveling to Cape Cod, Hilton Head, and Germany. Jim is director of headquarters personnel for Premarck International, parent company for Tupperware, West Bend, Hobart, etc. He stays in shape via winter racquetball and summer 8-handicap golf "more than once a week. No significant hobbies"—except keeping up with grandchildren and family. One daughter teaches German at Williams, after BA at Northwestern and doctorate at University of Minnesota. Younger daughter balances children, homemaking, and systems engineering responsibilities for Kraft Foods in Germany. Jim and Beth plan to attend one of their 40th Reunions, 1990-91. Great that Jim minored in track at Midd, or he could not keep up with his worldwide distribution of career and family. ...Angie and **Bill Fincke** still do their gardening at 9 Foxcroft Road, Winchester, MA 01890, and reach out to their fathers' nursing homes from 617-729-8947. After Midd and M.I.T., Bill worked at Sperry in NYC. The last 20 years have been with Dynamics Research Corp. at Andover, Mass., as senior systems engineer, providing highly technical contractual consulting services to the U.S. Navy in areas I cannot even spell. But, I feel safer from the Iranians and Russians after our chat and my taxes. Tennis is the winter body-builder, and skiing in Japan and Cortina, Italy, is an occasional treat. "Working hard and enjoying it," so retirement plans are on the back burner, except for 15 years quietly prepping the lake cottage in Meredith, N.H. Two sons and one daughter have provided four grand-

Yes, he drives a Ford

November 1979 was critical moment in the history of the domestic automobile industry. In the aftermath of the Iranian oil crisis of 1979, Japanese cars and trucks flooded the U.S. market. Not only were these vehicles more fuel efficient than domestically produced models, but they offered outstanding quality at affordable prices. Ford Motor Company had to respond to the marketplace with high quality, fuel efficient vehicles that represented good value—or face a very real possibility of extinction.

For Raymond Ablondi '52, Ford's director of marketing research, the task at hand was to mobilize his staff of 30-35 research professionals to find a new way to bring the voice of the customer into the decision-making process at Ford. Under Ablondi's leadership and guidance, his staff developed methods of providing the customer information necessary to guide Ford's quality improvement programs, even at the plant level. "Our job is really to listen to the public," Ablondi explains. Leaning forward in his chair, Ablondi clasps his hands on the edge of the table. Behind his glasses, his gaze is clear and direct. "We like to think that by the early '80s we were a customer-driven company, and when you make that decision, you have to follow through with it. If the customers tell you something, you have to react to it."

The soft-spoken Ablondi is a self-described "team player"; he discusses his work carefully, promoting Ford by switching inadvertently from the first person singular to the plural, we, as he describes a day on the job. "I might start a typical day with an early morning meeting with a design team for whom we just completed a big research project," he beings. "For example, we met and went over the results of a styling clinic on the MN12, which is the code name for the 1989 Thunderbird. This is the final stage of the research plan and involves ride and drive of the actual car.

"Later, I might meet with the head of manufacturing to tell him the results of the latest survey of Ford quality versus that of the competition. We also measure quality in every assembly plant in every part of the country and then versus all the cars in the industry.

"Next, we might have a meeting with advertising managers at Ford or Lincoln-Mercury and tell them the results of TV commercials and how effective they were."

"Ford wants to be known, quite frankly, as the best quality manufacturer in the world. We're not there yet, but that is our fundamental objective, and the whole company is geared to achieve that right now."

Gearing to achieve is nothing new for Ray Ablondi. A recipient of a 1987 Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming in October, Ablondi has a history of success at both Ford and Middlebury. In 1952, the campus leader and star runner—winner of the Hazeltine-Klevenow Cup for best combining ability in athletics and excellence in scholarship—graduated from Middlebury to the London School of Economics on a Dutton Fellowship. Three years later, he returned to the United States with his Ph.D. and joined Ford as a financial analyst. In 1958, he took a position as an automotive marketing and research manager with a Michigan advertising agency, but

Erik Borg

returned to Ford in 1962 and has since held a variety of sales, marketing, and corporate staff positions.

As the length Loyalty is important to Ablondi. He and his wife, Shirley, have sent all three of their children to Middlebury; the youngest, Chip, graduated in 1981. Ablondi served on the College's board of trustees from 1968 to 1973, and his ties to Middlebury continue to be strong.

He even attributes much of his success in the automobile industry to the lessons he learned at Middlebury. "When Ford changed its culture in 1980 and adopted the concept of customer service, it also adopted a whole new culture involving teamwork, employee involvement, and concern for individual growth amd development," Ablondi says. "I found this an easy culture to adapt to, because it was the kind of things that I had learned at Middlebury where I was involved in athletics and on campus, and we had a number of professors who impressed us with those values, as well."

—Kathy Follert '87

daughters, amid careers in engineering, management, research and development, physical/mental rehabilitation, and medical equipment. Sounds like the Fincke family tree is seldom rocking or snoozing on the front porch. ...The **Whittinghills** are still busy caregivers for 89- and 91-year-old mothers, plus doting grandparents for three lovely granddaughters, Kyle Ann, Leigh Jane, and Sarah Beth (how's that for hearty English heritage?). By the way, my kid brother, Dick '52 DU, is extremely ill, and might appreciate a mood-lifting card or call from any of you who knew him as the heavier, handsome hunk. Projected address is Apt. 2-B, 51 Rock Ledge Road, Hartsdale, NY 10530; telephone 914-723-6820. Thanks!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Higgins, Jr. (Jean Maintain), 44 Cabot St., Winchester, MA 01890, and Benito G. Barsanti, 70 Plymouth Road, Wakefield, MA 01880.*

We have just received word that **Ken Baker** died June 25 after suffering a massive heart attack. He was 63 and has spent 32 years in the Rhinebeck, N.Y., school system as a history teacher. Our sympathies go out to the Baker family during this tough time. ...On April 16, **Wendy Forbes** received the Schaeffer Pen Award at the N.E. Hockey Writers dinner in Cambridge, Mass. On June 20 he was again honored at Kirk Alumni Center with **Don MacLean** presiding, in his masterful way, as master of ceremonies. Duke Nelson '32 and **Billy McNamara**, among others, entertained the guests. ...Another double news item: On May 1, **Don Axinn**, former associate dean of Hofstra University College of Arts and Sciences and chairman of the Donald E. Axinn Companies, a Long Island real estate development organization, outlined the objectives and goals of the second annual Michael M. Axinn Memorial Conference. This conference, sponsored by the department of psychiatry of the North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y., "is designed to bring together experts in psychiatric research and educators to present their work on material related to the mental health movement." And on May 6, at 15 Gramercy Park, New York City, Don and Nancy Schoenberger were featured in readings hosted by the Poetry Society of America. Don read from his most recently published collection, *Against Gravity*, as well as from a number of previous works and works in progress. ...Since our reunion the highlight for **Ellie Hight Morris** was shared last November with daughter Julie. Following her '86 graduation from Midd and a summer working at the Basin Harbor Club, Julie had some time before her January training program with Aetna for employee benefits. So, she decided to spend her summer earnings on a long-desired trip and "tapped" her mother for good company. Their trek included a week in Australia and two weeks in New Zealand: "indescribable beauty, friendly laid-back people....a most rewarding and enjoyable experience." Meanwhile the "boys" were surviving nicely—Jon staying in the north for college, skating, and skiing; and Irv '53 busy in his new cross-selling job with Phoenix, traveling much and inevitably finding himself on the golf course weekends.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert Francoeur (Mary Halstead), 456 Gurney, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, and Mr. Al Mutti, 57 Crooked Trail Road, Rowayton, CT 06853.*

Have you found that your short-term memory is becoming shorter? Your new class secretaries plan to help you by recording what you are doing and have done. All you need to do is send us (at one of the above addresses) a brief history and periodic updates. ...**Mary Lou McLeod Aagaard** has been elected to a second four-year term on the Glenview Library Board. She is also secretary of the North Suburban Library Systems Board which governs a cooperative system of 300 libraries participating in an interchange of services. She is vice president of the Illinois Coalition of Library Advocates and treasurer of the Illinois Women's Political Caucus, a branch of a national group devoted to seeking and supporting female candidates for public office. ...**Ann Perry Dixon**'s husband, George, passed away following a lengthy illness. Ann is still working at National Home Life Insurance Company. She vacationed in Vieques, an island off of Puerto Rico, last winter. ...**Lindy Pahner Christie** took a Mediterranean cruise with her mother and two daughters, and a trip to Tahiti with husband Phil. Lindy, who took early retirement from her job as a third grade teacher, is researching prospective living areas for them after Phil's retirement in three years. Lindy's choice is the San Juan Islands near Vancouver. Phil's choice is San Diego. ...Many of our classmates returned for reunion, including **Ray Ablondi**, director of marketing research for Ford North America, who took care of the formalities during the reunion dinner. **John Bowker**, now supposedly retired from RCA, did an excellent job of recording many of the comments made by each classmate at the dinner. In Princeton, N.J., John has formed his own consulting firm, Frequency Management, whose purpose is to insure that new radio and TV frequencies won't interfere with existing ones. The FCC relies on people like John for this purpose. His existing client base includes GE, various divisions of RCA, and NBC. Wife Linda (UVM '53) is employed by RCA in the space center where they manufacture satellites. ...Nancy and **Tim Budd** are living in Camp Hill, Pa. After 25 years in the Marine Corps, Tim is now in administration with the Harrisburg Area Community College. ...**Jack Mann**, looking and feeling younger than ever, is a general dentist in family practice in Brattleboro, where he has been for many years. ...**Earl Gale**, an engineer with GE, appeared to be talking seriously about retirement in the near future. He expects to remain in the general vicinity of Syracuse, N.Y. ...**Bill Barber**, who lives in Gaithersburg, Md., but is no longer in the Navy, was there with his wife, Kathleen. ...**Steve Baker**, in the newspaper business in Brattleboro, reports he and Jane Murdoch Baker '50 have sent three sons to Middlebury—James '81, Jonathan '83, and Stephen Jr. '86—which must be at least a class record. ...Ellen and **Bill Huey** were there from Indianapolis where Bill is in the life insurance business. ...**Paul** and Marianne Folke '51 **Lincoln** were up for their annual trip from Houston, Texas, where Paul is still with Shell Oil Company. ...**Dick Marlette** reports he is living in Buffalo, N.Y., where he is involved in the electroplating business. ...**Ken Nourse**, dean of admissions at Union College, commutes to Middlebury on weekends where he has his permanent residence. ...Ginny and **Dee Rowe** are still at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. James D. Ross (Ann McGinley), RD 2, Middlebury VT 05753, and Robert C. Kelly, 39 Brewer Parkway, South Burlington, VT 05401*

Having used the huge backlog of news last issue, I (**Bob Kelly**) had to call my old roommates to gather fresh information. ...**Gardner Wood** and Betsey are still living in Simsbury, Conn. Woody heads up a claims office in Meriden for Connecticut General. He has been with the company forever. Son Jeff lives in Durham, N.H., and son Richard left the Marine Corps and now works for CG. Following daughter Carolyn's September wedding, the elder Woods are living alone at home with nothing to do but count their money. Apparently they own a camp in Maine, to which I have not yet been invited. ...**Neil Sheehan** didn't bother to write to tell me that he has retired as principal of schools in Oak Park, Ill. He held that position for the better part of 29 years. He and Jean left August 29 for a two-year stint in Turin, Italy, where he will teach a sixth grade class. He didn't say whether or not any of the seven Sheehan children will join them. Their baby is 20 years old. ...Jack '50 and **Louise Sammons Roddy** say that they retired a long time ago and have spent 20 years on the beaches of Kailua, Hawaii. I'm going to stop off for a visit on my way to see Neil. It is on the way, isn't it? ...**Jan Schongar Wagner** writes that she and Bill now live in Barre, Vt. Bill recently advised me that he is working for National Life. What Janet doesn't know is that Bill volunteered her services to help me with next year's reunion. He says she's real good at that sort of thing. ...**Pat Pattyson Eckley** of Fairfield, N.J., is still teaching second grade. Her son, Brad, was married in June. ...**Pat Brown McClearn** is director of public relations at Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver, where Hugh has his law practice. Son Cam graduated from Midd last spring, while Andrew was graduating from high school. ...I mentioned in the last letter that **Skip** and **Sue Valentine Jennings** are now living in Waitsfield, Vt. Skip sold his share of a lighting business in Massachusetts several years ago and, for lack of anything else to do, started a wholesale florist business in Middlesex, Vt. He is now expanding into the Burlington area where he and I have bought a building to house the operation. Sue keeps the books and probably runs the business. ...I recently talked with my co-secretary, **Ann McGinley Ross**. She wants me to pass on the news that she retired from her job as principal in Weybridge in June of 1985 and took a year off. She is now administrative director of the Children's Art Exchange, a non-profit organization who's purpose is to improve relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union through educational and cultural exchanges. Ann recently spent 16 days in Russia. ...**Anita Bland Andreason** of West Palm Beach, Fla., is in the travel business and also buys and fixes up old houses. (Come on up to 39 Brewer Parkway and see what you can do with this place.) Anita sadly reports the death of **Barbara Butler Biegel** on May 20, 1986. ...Neil '51 and **Gladys Tanner Myers** are living in Topeka, Kan., but plan to retire to Estes Park, Colo., in two years. ...I happen to know that **Bob** and **Corinne Morgan Smith** are in the Burlington area where Bob works for IBM. I almost ran over him the other day as he was jogging across busy Route 7 during the rush hour. Corinne works at the University of Vermont School of Medicine as a social worker. ...**Don Peach** is now city manager of Bennington, Vt. He has spent many years in this profession

in Glastonbury and Hartford, Conn., and Rangeley, Colo. This is tough work but, according to the newspapers, he has done a great job everywhere. ...I hope that we will receive a lot more cards and letters from classmates for the next magazine. Don't forget that our 35th is just around the corner and we expect a large turnout. If I can find time to write this letter, surely you can find time to drop me a post card. In fact, anyone sending information for the next column will be added to the mailing list for the Kelly, Jacobs newsletter, which periodically advises people how to take advantage of the loopholes in the 1986 and subsequent tax laws. So write. I need gossip and I need volunteers to help plan our 35th reunion.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. John J. Rudd (Elaine Smith), 1035 Walden Blvd. S.E., Palm Bay, FL 32907, and Christopher Van Curan, 1 Standley St., Beverly, MA 01915.*

Judy McAvity MacDonald writes from Yarmouth, Maine, that she and her husband, John, have sold their boatyard. She is still programming at L.L. Bean. They have been doing some traveling, but still love living in Maine. ...**Chuck** and **Ann Heath Fay** made a trip to Middlebury for the marriage of her niece (daughter of **Bob** and Betsy Heath '58 **Gleason**). The ceremony, which took place in Mead Chapel, was performed by Middlebury President Olin Robison. Ann's parents were married in the same chapel by President Thomas 68 years ago. A special event! ...**Carol Anderson Gwatkin** reports that her oldest daughter, who is now an attorney, was married last summer. Her youngest daughter, Claire, is a member of Middlebury class of 1988. Claire is spending her junior year in Paris. ...Other classmates with sons or daughters attending Middlebury are **Marcia Kraft Goin** (Jessica '90), **Peggy Cooper Heald (Richard '91), Barbara Barrett Heekin** (Dierdre '89), **Cecily Mattocks Marshall** (Stephen '89), **Thomas Ryan** (son Kemper '89 and daughter Ragan '91), and **Lambert Welling** (David '90). ...**Sally Green Risberg** writes (for the first time in many years) that she has been invited by the psychology department of St. Andrews University in Scotland to go there and do some research to prepare a paper on how pre-college guidance differs in England, Scotland, and America. This assignment will involve visiting schools in England and Scotland preparatory to helping to write a paper to be published by the university. She and husband Don, both avid golfers, will be playing at "the Old Course at St. Andrews." ...Many besides Sally "haven't written in years." When the *Middlebury Magazine* arrives, most of us read the class notes first and it's disappointing if there's nothing for 1954. For those who can't make reunions, the class notes provide the main way of keeping up with classmates, so please send your news.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alton H. Bassett (Joan Tolley), 73 Harriet Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540, and John H. Denny, Sr., 44 Nassau St., Suite 301, Princeton, NJ 08540.*

Our recap of **Frank Clarkson**'s last 32 years begins with an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. In June '57 Frank married E. Jocelyn Manzer, who is now program coordinator for the American Cancer Society. Sandwiched between the above degrees were the births of daughter Jennifer, who is now married and a special needs teacher, and son Robert, a 26-year-old bachelor who is a salesman. Frank was a staff psychologist at the Aston Home in Rhinebeck, N.Y., in the early '60s. In 1965 he was project director of Regents' Research for the New York State Department of Education. Since 1967, he has been principle psychologist for the Worcester State Hospital in Worcester, Mass. Frank and Jocelyn live in Shrewsbury. ...Don and **Helju Kivimae Batchelder** report that they gained a wonderful daughter-in-law in May 1985. Son Tom, who works for J.C. Penney, married Kathy, a paralegal researcher. The Batchelder's daughter, Ann, graduated from Trinity College and became a math teacher at Landmark College for dyslexic students. Jobs at the Experiment in International Living keep Helju and Don on the go. Don traveled to Cameroon in '87. Helju visited refugee camps in the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand as part of her work training refugees in English and other subjects prior to resettlement in the U.S. ...A note from **John Ackerman** puts him at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis, where Chaplain Scott's seminary roommate is senior pastor. John's wife, Helen Starr Ackerman '56, teaches at Blake, just around the corner, and "the kids are great." They had a summer visit with Sally Thomson Clark '56. ...Congratulations to **Jojo Kittell Gallagher**! She was recommended as one of 100 outstanding elementary and secondary school science teachers from New York State. The teachers were invited to participate in an educator's day in Rochester, sponsored by the Optical Society of

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America. Jojo enjoys seeing **Sonny Dennis** when AT&T sends him to Albany for conferences. ...**Dave Bridges** also had dinner with Sonny last year. In June '87 Dave celebrated his 31st year at Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y. Older son Douglas '86 is "working to support his world travels." Younger son Bruce '88 vacationed in Alaska last summer. Once college tuitions are behind them, Dave and Nancy will "look for a place to retire in earnest." ...**Earl Samson**, a partner in Landmark Vineyards of California, has purchased an East Coast winery. Earl and Susan, who have a second home in Little Compton, R.I., took over the local Sakonnet Vineyards from its founder, Jim Mitchell (first cousin of **Ed Janeway**). Earl is spending more time in Rhode Island since assuming some management responsibilities at the winery. Maybe he'll bring some samples for Reunion! ...Earl and **Junie Stringer deCoster**'s son, Rob Samson '87, traded his Middlebury cap and gown for bicycle gear after graduation. Rob joined classmate Josh Colton (son of Roger '54 and **Judy Zecher Colton**) and peddled cross-country from San Francisco. ...Best wishes to three additional Midd '87 graduates: **Bill Admirand**'s daughter, Leigh; **Bob Entwistle**'s daughter, Suzie; and Jonathan Doolittle, one of **Jerry** and **Gretchen Rath Doolittle**'s five sons.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Julia A. King, RR 2, Box 99C, Peterborough, NH 03458, and Edward P. MacDowell, 29 Nimitz Place, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.*

This year **Channing Murdock** was named chairman of the National Ski Area Association, which represents 540 ski areas in 38 states, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Spain. During his two-year term Chan hopes to continue his advocacy for ski areas, particularly small ones, and to promote safety in the ski industry. Chan and **Jane Hoge Murdock** have operated the Butternut Ski Area in Great Barrington, Mass., since 1963. ...Working on a Spencer Foundation Fellowship, **Penny Martin** has completed a book, *The Sound of Our Own Voices: Women's Study Clubs 1860-1910*. Based on her doctoral thesis, the book is being published by Beacon Press. This fall, Penny was leaving her position as assistant professor of education at Wellesley to join the faculty at Michigan State University's College of Education. ...**Lyman Johnson** is president of a professional corporation which he recently formed. The corporation has 13 employees, including three dentists. Lyman and Lynn have two children, Holly, who works in advertising, and Cindy, an occupational therapist who recently married geologist David Asherman. ...**Marian Moran Brownlie**'s daughter, Heather, graduated from the Chapin School in New York last spring and was entering Columbia College in the fall. Marian's son, John, was also a 1987 graduate, of the Buckley School in New York; he is now in the fourth form (10th grade) at the Westminster School in Connecticut. ...Last summer, **Julie King** spent three weeks in Colorado, hiking and working on a Colorado Department of Education publication designed to help parents prepare their children to learn mathematics. While there she talked with **Alma Goetcheus Peacock** and Anne Emory. Alma and husband Norman were preparing to celebrate their 30th anniversary with a four-week trip to Scandanavia in September. Anne and **Burt Emory** enjoy both summer and winter trips to their condo in the mountains; all three of their children live nearby. ...Several of our classmates have sons or daughters on the Middlebury campus this year: **Cy Afindsen** (Bruce '89), **Mark** and **Nancy Warner Benz** (Eric '88 and Martha '90), **Helen Kimbark Boocock** (Melissa '88), **Norm Crowder** (Kristin '88), **Dick Davison** (Gregory '89), **Lois Moulton Hustis** (Harriet '89), **Ned MacDowell** (James '89), **Sara Beyer MacGowan** (Alexandra '90), **Mariette Schwarz Reed** (Madeleine '88), and **Hugh Van Zelm** (Antoinette '88).

Marketing the money market

Erik Borg

When Marcia Stigum, '56, began researching the money market in 1976, she found only one book on the subject on the shelf. As she told her publisher, Dow Jones Irwin: "I knew that I could blow him out of the water, and I did. His book went out of print."

The success of Stigum's second book, *The Money Market: Myth, Reality and Practice*, (1978), gives her plenty to boast about. As Stigum writes on her resume, the book is recognized as "the standard reference for dealers, bankers, investors, and other money market professionals," and it has made Stigum a money market expert of international reputation. Middlebury has taken notice of Stigum's work as well, and at Homecoming in October, she was honored with a 1987 Alumni Achievement Award.

Despite a longtime fascination with the world of finance, Stigum's career as a money market expert came relatively late in her professional life. After majoring in philosophy at Middlebury, she became the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1961. Stigum spent the following years teaching economics at Northeastern University, Wellesley College, Cornell University, and, finally Loyola University in Chicago, where she was the first woman to teach in the business school. "I would probably still be teaching had I not started to write trade books," she has said. "Writing the second of these, changed my life. I literally fell in love with the topic."

Stigum says she was attracted by the massive, international, and relatively unknown character of the money market. She left Chicago for New York in 1976 to research *The Money Market*. In the following six months, Stigum taped over 200 interviews with money market participants: "I often thought of my job as a mix between analyzing—on the basis of my academic training—what was going on in the market, and describing the Bronx Zoo after an interview with at least two of every animal in it."

While Stigum considers writing her real profession, she has found that her work as a consultant often leads to the discovery of a new topic for a book. "Nobody ever asks me to consult for them where I really know all the answers," she explains, "so I put on my research hat and go out on the street." Since 1978, she has written eight books, two of which will be published in the next year.

In 1981 Stigum founded Stigum & Associates, Ltd., a consulting firm whose major clients have included the Bermuda Monetary Authority, New York Futures Exchange, Chase Bank, Citicorp, and Merrill Lynch. She served as an expert witness in cases concerning the Iranian asset freeze, repos, financial futures, Treasury securities, and other money market instruments.

Reflecting upon her success as a woman in the male-dominated world of finance, Stigum observes, "When I came to the money market, most women there were clerks or in sales. Now, I would say that with the increased supply of women with MBAs, more and more are coming into the street." She pauses. "Not so many rise to the top though, and I don't really think many are going to. A lot of the women reach a certain point and decide to have babies. ...They drop out of the labor force without intending to."

"Life is a compromise," she

continues. She speaks quickly and her large eyes are expressive. "There only 24 hours in a day. You have to find some outside help. Somehow a woman is supposed to be Superwoman. I think it's a real problem, because some women try to do everything the same as a wife who stayed at home—it's just not possible. I farm out a lot of things I used to do to other people. My taxes to my accountant. My bills to my bookkeeper. My cleaning to my cleaning lady."

Stigum has had to make other compromises. A divorced mother of two, she has found the solutions to the problems of career vs. family to be advance planning for family time, and a second house in Quichee, Vermont, not far from Dartmouth and Plymouth State College, the colleges that Tove and Erik attend. Although the Vermont house is equipped with an office, it provides Stigum with a get-away where she can be close to her children and indulge her passion for gardening."

If success has meant compromise, she still feels that being a woman did not hold back her career. "When you rise above a certain level, people accept you, and you don't think about it. I don't think of myself as a woman doing a job. I am a professional and my skills are unique."

—Kathy Follert '87

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Reilly (Pam Clark), 1339 Biscayne Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24019.*

Last spring, **Pete Decker** was named the Colorado commissioner of agriculture by Governor Roy Ramer. Pete took up ranching several years ago and says that his main priority in his new position will be to help Colorado improve its farm credit system, do a better job of marketing its agricultural products, and promote economic development in rural areas. ...**Harry (Moose) Johnson** enjoyed our 30th Reunion so much that he continued with an encore in the Los Angeles area with **Paul Vaughn**. (Thank you, Paul, for your memorable account of our reunion weekend.) Moose was out on the West Coast to spur on the Boston Celtics in their quest for the NBA championship over the LA Lakers. Better luck next year, Moose! ...Pete and **Barbara Ransom Payne** have built and moved into a new house at 290 Forge Road, N. Kingtown, RI 02852. Barb is public relations coordinator for the Sargent Rehabilitation Center in Providence. She has also been a part-time writing instructor at the University of Rhode Island. ...Several Middlebury alumni were at the June wedding of **Polly Pitcher Gabriel**'s daughter, Amy '83, to Ian Wallis. Among the '57ers in attendance were **Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer** and Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson**. ...Terry and **Jim Wagner** and their two daughters have returned from a 5-year stay in Ireland where Jim was president of the Dublin Gas Company. He is now president of the utilities division of a large, Boston-based construction company. ...Several classmates went to Europe last summer. **Sabra Johnson Field** and son Paul traveled to Greece, as did **Ken** and **Marty Johnson Moore**. (We missed you all at reunion.) Ron '56 and **Kathy Platt Potier** toured the Enlgish countryside before Kathy attended the Bread Loaf summer program at Oxford. ...The Class of '57 may have been out of Middlebury for 30 years, but we still have offspring attending the College on the Hill, including the children of **Richard Cardwell, Peggy Edwards Cronin, Jim Evans, Ellie Maier MacDowell, Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer, Pete Webber**, and **Bob Witte**. Congratulations to all of them! ...One of your class secretaries, **Pam Clark Reilly**, has been named director of institutional research at Hollins College. Please send us more class news for the next issue!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Craig B. Heatley (Adrienne McLeod), 385 Green Farms Road, Westport, CT 06880, and Erik O. Bennorth, 49 Van Blarcom Lane, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.*

Impossible though it seems, our 30th Reunion is about to take place. Please make the first entry in your '88 calendar May 27-29, 1988. Remember Reunion '88. The 25th Reunion get-together was a smashing success. Let's do it one more time! ...The Rev. **Alan Bond**, after serving for 12 years as pastor of the Scottsdale, Ariz., Congregational United Church of Christ, has returned to the East to lead an 800-member congregation in Reading, Mass. While in Scottsdale, he served as president of the Ministerial Association where he spearheaded the establishment of an indigent care fund, was chairman of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Arizona Department of Corrections, and was director of the Community Care Fund. Last year, Alan wrote and published *The Sevenfold Path to Peace*. ...**Elaine Brzezenski Lewandoski** writes: "I've been certified as a French oral proficiency tester by the American Council of Teaching of Foreign Languages, and I conducted interviews in Connecticut public high schools this spring as part of the state foreign language evaluation. I've just received a grant from the Elizabeth Seton Fund of Hartford to take the Teaching French for Proficiency workshop at Middlebury this summer." ...**Stephen L. Brown** was recently named president of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. He will soon celebrate his 30th year at Hancock. ...**John G.** and **Judith Hall Damrath** were parents of the bridegroom (son John III) in 1986 and parents of the bride (daughter Diantha) in 1987. ...**Richard L. Nahley** is serving his third term as judge of probate of Danbury, Conn., having made a strong showing at the polls in November 1986, running ahead of the incumbent governor. ...Don and **Pat McCoy Collier** recently moved to 93 Birch Hill Road in Newtown, Conn., with a few of their horses in tow. Pat ran into **Gay Nelson Smith** while saddling up for an early morning ride.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Frederic B. Preston (Granthia Lavery), 123 Hampshire Road, Wellesley, MA 02181, and Robert E. Luce, 90 Winthrop Drive, Riverside, CT 06878.*

Nancy Smoller LeFloch writes from France: "Our company continues to serve some 26 national pharmaceutical laboratories located in almost as many countries (in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Australia) so that those who travel hardly have the opportunity to unpack and those of us at home who keep track of them by computer and telefax are kept on our toes....As for the family, Jef and his bride are now in Mannheim (Germany) with the U.S. Army; Patrick was at the Institute for Foreign Studies at Nanzan University (Nagoya, Japan) for his junior year from Middlebury and is now back on campus; and Anne is at the Fac. de Droit in Clermont, France. We hope to get back to Midd for Patrick's '88 graduation!" ...**Carolyn Kuebler Hodges**, recently married to **Philip Hodges**, has started a bed and breakfast in Darien, Ga., in a house built in 1876. She would love to see '59ers who are in the area. ...**Arnie Bailey** has spent the last six years in the consulting business, specializing in capital fundraising for non-profit organizations. His firm is Bailey-Murphy Associates, Boston, with Arnie noting that Williams grad Murphy's name is appropriately second in the lineup. Arnie and wife Beatrice have a Syracuse grad son working as a newspaper editor in New Bedford, Mass., and a daughter who made them grandparents last August. Arnie occasionally sees classmate **Bob Ray** in the building elevator as Bob heads for his office at Gillette. ...**Hilton "Bick" Bicknell** writes that 1986 was an exciting year for him: two heart attacks and quadruple bypass surgery! "Since then I have become a student of lifestyle change—exercise, diet, aspirin, fish oil—and now I am nearly as slim as classmate **Dave Collin**," he notes. Anyone wishing to share information about heart disease or desiring a relaxing fishing, hunting, or canoe trip in northern New York can reach Bick at 315-782-6684. Glad to have you around, Bick. ...**Bob Calef** was a classmate who took another road after two years at Middlebury: he spent three years at the New England Conservatory studying trumpet. This prepared him for what has been his professional career for the last 19 years, management consulting on business strategy with the Arthur D. Little company and, since January 1987, with a four-man consulting partnership in Wellesley, Mass., called Leyton Associates. Bob does admit that there were twists and turns in the road 'twixt trumpet and consulting, but that the whole road has been challenging and interesting. He lives in Watertown, Mass., with wife Sandra, a freelance graphic designer, and their 14-year-old and twin 11-year-old sons. They enjoy family skiing and shore vacations, and Bob will try to make it to our 30th Reunion. ...A newsclip from the Brattleboro, Vt., *Town Crier* notes that professor of art history **Bob McGrath** of Dartmouth spoke on "Creating American Style: The Contributions of American Architecture" in a local library lecture series. A nationally-known art historian and writer, Bob has lectured extensively in New England. ...A mini-reunion took place last summer on Saranac Lake, N.Y., with **Dorrie Landry Bonner, Granthia Lavery Preston, Pat Sherlock Davidson**, and **Eleanor Vinke Sweeney**. Pat owns a summer cottage in the area and Eleanor has lived there for 23 years. Eleanor is working on a photographical study of the Lake Saranac area and does volunteer work as the regional coordinator

for the American Field Service foreign student exchange program for northern New York. Her husband, Will, is an accountant who enjoys canoeing to work from their lovely new home which faces south to a view of the high peaks of the Adirondacks. "Country living is great," says Ellie, who has no regrets about leaving the NYC area in 1964. Their son, Ted, the youngest of three boys, is a sophomore at Middlebury and is one of 22 legacies of the Class of 1959 currently on campus. Other legacies include seniors Patrick Le Floch (**Nancy Smoller Le Floch**), Julie Rochat (**David R. Rochat**), and Torrey Wise (**Paul Wise**); juniors Michael Cohen (**Stephen P. Cohen**), John Evans (**Bradley B. Evans**), Susan Golkin (**Gerald M. Golkin**), Kendall Hussey (**William Hussey**), and Breck Marshall (**Cynthia Hall Marshall**); sophomores Susan Curry (**Renwick E. Curry**), John Halpin (**John E. Halpin**), Robert M. Hansen (**Bob J.** and **Susan Chapman Hansen**), Myles Moody (**Henry F. Moody**), Audrey Pritchard (**David C. Pritchard**), and Ted Sweeney (**Eleanor Vinke Sweeney**); and freshmen Kate Batal (**Irene Yeomans Batal**), Matthew Bonner (**Dorothy Landry Bonner**), Tara Hussey (**William W. Hussey**), Beth Lasell (**Warren L. Lasell**), Jonathan T. Nolde (**Frank E. Nolde**), Lynelle Preston (**Granthia Lavery Preston**), and Cornelia Wise (**Paul T. Wise**).

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald J. Mulvey (Nancy Mumford), 104 High Plain Road, Andover, MA 01810, and Dr. Michael J. Robinson, 153 Powers Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.*

Reuben Mark, chief executive of Colgate-Palmolive, was featured in the May 11, 1987, issue of *Fortune*. Besides highlighting the increases in both sales and profits since he took over in 1984, the article noted examples of his leadership initiatives and unpretentious style. ...Congratulations to **Russell Leng**, professor of political science at Midd and an authority on international disputes and their resolutions. Russ has been named the first F.C. Dirks Professor at the College. (See autumn issue, page 36.) ...Dick and **Bunny Dykes Snook** have relocated from Kansas to a new house they built near Sarasota, Fla.: 537 Hornblower Lane, Longboat Key, FL 33548. ...New faces on campus this fall in the Class of '91 include **Joe Bujold**'s son, Marc: **John Emory**'s daughter, Elizabeth; **Helen Smith Folweiler**'s daughter, Robin; and **Howie Wiley**'s daughter, Jennifer. Parents of other Midd students are **Pete** and **Jean Emrich Battelle, Ward Dennis, Dan Durland, Diane Keegan Goldman, David and Susan Goodwin Hopkins, John Howard, Reuben Mark, Patricia Watrouse Messer, Richard Rappel, Chris Rosser, Louise Eddy Rossman, Pete Schiller, Calvin Schmeichel, Mary Jane Bliss Swanson,** and **Jim** and **Julia Ketcham Tracy**. ...Finally, we share with other classmates a deep sense of loss with the death of **Betsy Crawford Gilwee** on May 27, 1987, and extend our sympathy to **John** and family. (A formal obituary appears elsewhere in the magazine.) Betsy battled cancer with the same spirit and determination she had always shown. Class leader from the start, energetic sportswoman, friend with a listening ear—we will miss her enthusiastic and gracious presence in our midst.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Jo Aagerstoun, 1716 U St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009, and William F. Wallace III, 5403 Braxtonshire Court, Houston, TX 77069.*

Janet S. Reed (your very hard-working former class secretary) has been promoted to second vice president with the Continental Illinois Bank of Chicago. ...**Frank Coy** continues his pursuit of the "flat belly award" by running a marathon in Toronto. Between marathons, he and wife Gail managed to sandwich trips to London and Barbados, both of which he reports were great. Frank advocates a mini-reunion before our 30th. ...Our class is well represented by offspring at Middlebury, including **Mary Jo Aagerstoun**'s daughter, Meredith '90; **Robert C. Braddock**'s son, Jeremy '91; **Susan Johnson Murphy**'s daughter, Nancy Caulfield '88; **Randall Clark**'s daughter, Heather '89; **George S. Colpitts**' son, George '91; **Joseph Cusimano**'s son, Joseph III '88; **R. Lindwood Faxon**'s daughter, Julianne '88; **Jeremy** and **Carol Nicholson Fryberger**'s son, Jeremy '88; **William J. Greco**'s daughter, Laura '91; **Bruce N.** and **Sondra Wells Johnstone**'s son, Robert '88; **George M. Logan**'s son, Christopher '90; **William Maxwell**'s son, William '89; **Peter** and **Judith Johnson Thompson**'s daughter, Sarah '88; **Carole Pringle Tiedemann**'s daughter, Karen '90; **David H. Tucker**'s daughter, Desiree '88; and **John H.** and **Frances Blick Westerbeke**'s son, Scott '91. ...The **Westerbekes** reported in July from a cool cruise in Maine. As Fran says, it was "the first when we haven't had the kids on board—very different!" With Scott headed for Midd in the fall, the Westerbekes now have an empty nest, joining several others of us in this same bittersweet situation. Fran and Jack's eldest, a recent graduate of the Naval Academy, was headed for the Persian Gulf in September which, Fran said, "makes me very nervous." Another Westerbeke son, Rob, is considering emigrating to Australia while son Douglas is off to college in Los Angeles.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Allen L. Bridges (Anne Thornton), HCR 35, Box R, Woodstock, VT 05091, and Dr. John F. Sinclair, 482 Woodbury Road, Springfield, VT 05156.*

Half of the Class of 1962 is still coming down from the "Reunion High" which we experienced over Memorial Day Weekend. As for the other half, you missed the fun—but we hope for news because we are especially curious about you. Your new class secretaries have a challenge to find news following **Dick Blodgett**'s fantastic post-reunion update, not to mention the autobiographies which will be a great resource for us. We are further inspired by our new class president, **Ron Brown**, who gave eloquent speeches for both his campaign and his acceptance. ...We must mention our great Saturday night dance with Sal and the Salutes, the band "discovered" by John Sinclair and "pre-tested" by both your secretaries a year in advance. Their music inspired the non-dancers as well as the experts, and it looked like we were really transformed into kids again. Heard from **Jimmy Warburton** while dancing "cheek to chest" with **Jane MacFarlane**: "I've been here before!" ...For those of you unable to come, it should be noted that the high temperatures and humidity did not daunt our athletic group during the day either. You saw pictures of the bikers, hikers, and canoists in the newspaper, but, in addition, all tennis courts at Proctor Hall were filled for a tournament ably organized by **Tom** and **Marren Ward Meehan**. Our scouts reported that the caliber of tennis was definitely upgraded from 1962. Also, **Betsy Barkentin Gardner** is to be congratulated for her endurance run in the heat. ...Many sensible people did their "reuning" immersed in the cool waters of Lake Dunmore. At the lovely house of Jim and **June Andrews White** there was the added attraction of Callie, the monkey the Whites are training for use by a quadraplegic. Lynn and **Pete Steinle** provided a boat and a rented cabin which had been a gathering place for their daughter's graduation the week before. ...You saw the picture of the sizeable western contingent in the update, but it should be noted that **Marian Matheke Melish** flew in from Hawaii, **Susan Earl Klebl** came from her home in Austria, and **Jim Shattuck** (never to be outdone) climbed down from his oil rig in Saudi Arabia to get to the 25th! ...A touching note was added to an already emotional Convocation when **Alice Couperus Gross** gave her dad—Mel Couperus '37—a big hug as he took his seat across the aisle with his 50th Reunion class. Many of us will remember pearls of wisdom from our illustrious mid-life crisis panelists (they must have done something right), but what we can really relate to is **Bill Dalsimer**'s proud announcement: "My 7-year-old daughter still speaks to me." ...Children were a major topic of conversation as we got reacquainted. Bick '59 and **Mattie Logan Bicknell** were recognized as having the oldest child, with Judy and **Charlie Tobey** close behind. No one seemed to be contesting Barbara and **Jeremy Dworkin**'s Leah as being the most recently born—complete with Midd cow shirt (see class picture). There couldn't have been any greater group of kids than the student hosts—children of our classmates (listed in the update). They gave such an enthusiastic picture of student life today. About 20 of us have children at Middlebury at the moment. This year's freshman class includes Jeremy Braddock (son of Bob '61 and **Sarah Howland Braddock**), Jerry Bridges (son of Al and **Anne Thornton Bridges**), Nicholas Warendorf (son of Brookie and **Bob Warendorf**), Wendy White (daughter of Jim and **June Andrews White**), and Sarah Woodard (daughter of Rosie and **Charlie Woodard**). ...Two of our members have reported moves from west to east. **Carrie Kittell** has joined the staff of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y., as development officer, following several years in New Mexico with a public relations firm. **Jackie Ross** has been appointed associate program director for TOEFL programs for the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08541 (telephone 609-734-5235). Her new address, after many years in Boulder, Colo., is 903 Sturwood Way, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 (tel. 609-896-2125). ...Finally, we would like to thank **Grant Weier** and **Sam McLaughlin McFadd** for keeping us so well posted for the last five years. We would also like to offer our "most well preserved" (and we don't mean pickled!) awards to **Liza Dunphy Fischer** and **Pete Johnson**, who look exactly the same as the day they graduated! ...Please send us news. If you don't we'll wing it and we could be dangerous!

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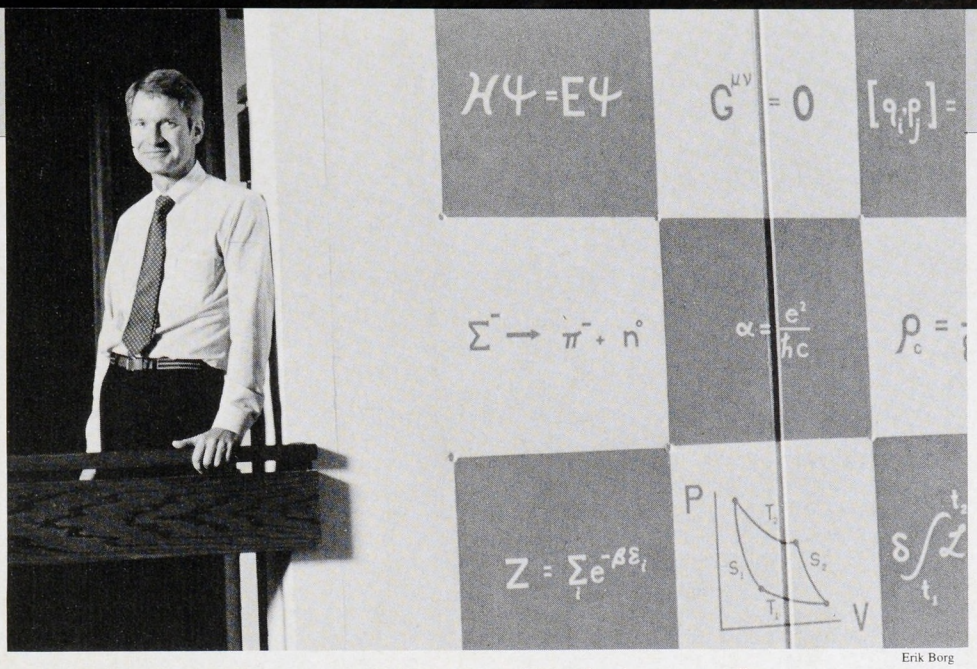
Class Secretaries: *Avalin Wilkins Green, 80 Highland Ave., Montclair,*

Starring role



Erik Borg

In September of 1986 astronomer Donald K. Yeomans, '64, became a star in the field of astronomy. "Oh yes," he laughs. "Asteroid 2956. When asteroids are discovered, they are first numbered and then named. The fellow who discovered this one named it after me because of my activities and work of the past ten years, I guess. It will continue for five billion years after me. How's that for a nice touch of immortality?"

Yeomans was recently given a smaller piece of immortality, but still one he lists on his resume, when he was presented with an Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming in October.

A member of the Technical Staff of Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, Yeomans has developed an international reputation for the accuracy of his astrometrical predictions, particularly with regard to the Comet Halley. Despite the highly technical nature of his work, the astronomer's award-winning book, *Comet Halley: Once in a Lifetime* (1986) (co-authored with Mark Littmann), communicates the complexities of this astrological phenomena as clearly as he describes his own role in the field. "I study the paths of asteroids and comets—their motions and dynamics, " he explains. "I tell where comets, asteroids—or any object in space has been in the past or will be in the future. I make the predictions that allow astronomers to point their telescopes."

As the Discipline Specialist for the International Halley Watch, Yeomans provides predictions on 3500 asteroids and 150 comets, particularly the Comet Halley. In 1986, his calculations won him a NASA Exceptional Service Medal for enabling "the highly successful navigation of the International Cometary Explorer, the European Giotto spacecraft, and the Soviet VEGA 1 and VEGA 2 spacecraft to their respective targets."

A math major while at Middlebury, Yeomans attributes his interest in stargazing to his undergraduate experience. "I actually got my start at Middlebury from Ben Whistler, who was the physics department at the time. He was a very contagious instructor." Yeomans continued to study astronomy at the University of Maryland where he met his future wife, Laurie, while completing his Ph.D. In 1975 he landed his current position as a member of the technical staff of JPL, a part of California Institute of Technology.

Yeomans describes JPL's role in NASA operations as "conducting unmanned interplanetary investigations and building and operating interplanetary spacecrafts." Currently, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory is working on a mission scheduled for the 1990s called Temple II, after a second comet which is smaller than the Comet Halley. "Unlike Halley's Comet, Temple II goes around the sun in the same direction as the earth," Yeomans, an experimenter on the mission, explains. "This path would allow us to travel alongside it for awhile. My job would be to determine the comet's mass by tracking the space craft as it goes around and around the comet."

Yeomans' excitement about Temple II is tempered by his familiarity with the red tape involved in launching such a mission. First, JPL must "think up a mission that is feasible and worthwhile." After selling it to NASA, the project must still win the approval of the Office of Management and Budget and of Congress. NASA is currently seeking the approval of Congress. "We've been involved in this process off and on for a long time- well over 15 years. We are also working on passing a mission to Jupiter and Saturn in the 1990s," the astronomer explains. "But you don't win that often."

In the meantime, as the father of two, Sarah, 13, and Keith, 8, Yeomans has his share of earthly concerns. He recalls his children with a chuckle: "My son just brought home a tarantula."

—Kathy Follert '87

NJ 07042, and Craig W. Stewart, 9 Cedar Ave., Edmonds, WA 98020.

It was magical, a portent of good things to come for our 25th class reunion next May 26-29, 1988. Seattle hosts **Bruce Bailey, Fred "Rebbles" Davis, Paul Fava, Peter Shafer**, and **Craig Stewart** had high hopes of attracting a number of you to the Northwest. Although the turnout was smaller than hoped for, all who attended had a magnificent time. In attendance were **James Cole, Tom Clune, Bill Delahunt, Larry Ring**. College representatives were Betsy Heath Gleason '58, 25th reunion coordinator, and her husband, Bob '54, dean of the faculty. Supporting this cast of characters—and learning perhaps more than they ever wanted to know about us—were our spouses, children, friends, dogs, cats, etc. ...We started off the festivities with a catered dinner, hosted by **Peter Shafer** and his wife, Valerie. Most of us had not seen Peter for almost 27 years, as he had left Middlebury sophomore year to return to Washington. Peter and Valerie married last year, ending 47 years of bachelorhood for Peter. All of us had known Peter well at Middlebury and catching up seemed natural and easy. It was almost as though time stood still for us; the memories (all good ones) flowed freely, with the usual embellishments that time and circumstances allow us. Peter and Valerie have a magnificent Victorian home on Lake Washington in Mercer Island. ...**Tom Clune** and wife Sue and 2-1/2-year-old daughter Krissy came in from Lake George, N.Y., via Minneapolis where they had visited **Larry** and **Sue Bogert Ring**. The Clunes and Rings were lucky to get out of Minneapolis which had been hit by a tornado and over 12 inches of rain. "We spent most of the evening in the basement," Tom said, "as the tornado struck only about a mile away." ...Peggy and **Jim Cole** flew in from Denver and were hosted

by Paul and Gretchen Fava for an "advance" tour of Seattle. ...**Bill Delahunt** and a business associate arrived from Boston on Thursday; they were hosted by **Bruce Bailey**. Bill spent Friday talking with Seattle officials about rape counseling and rehabilitation programs. ...After a late night for most of us, the next day took us via ferry to the Bailey estate, Chevy Chase, just south of Port Townsend on Discovery Bay. With the exception of that large body of water and mountains substantially higher than the Green Mountains, we thought we were back in Middlebury. Chevy Chase, a significant historic landmark, is a magnificent Victorian inn surrounded by a lush green carpet of grass, beautiful flowers, fruit trees, a golf course, swimming pool, and tennis court. High on a hill overlooking the bay, the estate also includes four beautifully restored cottages and a clubhouse/game room. It was a perfect location for what proved to be a time to share experiences, rediscover and renew friendships, and simply enjoy watching children, dogs, and cats play so well together. We talked a great deal about our classmates who could not join us, hoping that we would see all of them in May. Our curiosity about each other seemed insatiable and genuine; we were misty-eyed when we talked about classmates who have died, **Bill Brian** being the most recent. We will save the other news about those who attended for our reunion yearbook. The yearbook will give each of us the opportunity to share with each other about our lives since Middlebury. ...The enjoyment of our weekend together was intensified by phone calls from **Roger Ralph, Charlie MacCormack, Davis Van Winkle, Chuck** and **Susan Handy Burdick, Peter Frame**, and **Julie Nelson Firestone**. ...The College informs us that several of our classmates now have children at Middlebury. They are **David Akin** (Kimberlee '91), **Jim Alexander** (Bruce '88), **Cynthia Seitz Colpitts** (George, Jr. '91), **Susannah Chalmers Deacon** (William '91), **Peter Frame** (David '91), **Peter Hart** (Wendy '91), **Penny Holt** (Joseph Hoskins '89), **Charles Honsberger** (Pamela '91), **Sandra Brown McCarthy** (Cynthia '88), **Dan Phillips** (Patrick J. '91 and Anne '89), **Wallace Pringle** (Wallace '90), **Larry** and **Sue Bogert Ring** (Bradford '88), **Margaret Holmes Robbins** (Caroline '91), **Bill** and **Barbara Brown Starkey** (Brenna '88), **Sabin Streeter** (Gordon '90), **W. Davis Van Winkle** (Mark '91), **John Weekes** (Harry '90), and **Madeline Hartman Wiley** (Jennifer '91). ...**Benton Silloway** was recently named general manager and CEO of the Haagen-Dazs Shoppes Company. Bent founded and ran his own management consulting firm, and was a senior VP with Hardees Food Systems, and had key management positions with Pepsi Co./Pizza Hut, and the Proctor and Gamble Company. We look forward to seeing Benton in May and hope that he will convince the College to have that great ice cream available for reunion weekend! ...**Debbie Bigelow Begner** writes that she is still at the Concert Children's Center which has grown to include three different programs serving 160 preschool children in Concord, Mass. Debbie's son, Steve, was off to Cornell in the fall; daughter Allison is a junior at Yale; "so we are actively supporting liberal arts education." ...**Roger Ralph** was recently elected to the board of directors of the International Racquet Sports Association, representing 1,200 athletic clubs throughout the country. Roger and wife Ellen, who own and operate a deluxe fitness/health center, are in the midst of a substantial expansion adding space for more fitness equipment, building a floor over that area for a nursery and exercise physiology office. We understand his restaurant tenant may be moving out so we expect to hear that Roger is in the food business, too! ...May will be here before you know it. Each of us can make this reunion experience a memorable and positive one. When you are called upon for information we hope you will be willing to share your life events since Middlebury. Keep in touch and let us know what you're thinking.

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Class Secretaries: *Catherine Telfair Wright, 7 Wrisley Court, Sussex Place, Essex Junction, VT 05452, and Timothy Y. Hayward, 8 Woodcrest Road, Montpelier, VT 05602.*

Tom Greene, who resides in Ridgefield, Conn., was recently appointed vice president of Gallery operations at Ethan Allen Inc. in Danbury. ...**Richard Seybolt**, associate professor at the University of Minnesota, has been named head of the department of foreign languages and literature. He and wife June and their two sons live in Duluth. ...**Gregg Hunt** reports that he is taking an academic sabbatical at Oxford where he is teaching as well as traveling and writing. "A welcome change after ten years of teaching," he says. ...**Ron Reese** has been promoted from associate professor to professor at Washington and Lee University. Ron joined the Washington and Lee faculty in 1979. ...**Dean Montgomery** has announced the birth of a child, Emily Beth. He and wife Pat live in Stamford, Conn. ...**Dori Ells Jurgenson** writes that she and husband Jim now have three children with the birth of Ashlea on August 5, 1986. Son Eric is in first grade and Mark was 2 in March. The Jurgensons have a house in the country in Carlisle, Pa.: "What more could one want, except perhaps to live in Vermont," she asks. ...**Rosemary Streeter Bottum** has found a unique way to spend summers in Vermont. She and husband Lynn, along with a few others, are owners of Champlain Gateway Cruises. They operate a former sub chaser, the *Mt. Independence*, as an excursion boat. Based in Shoreham, they cruise Lake Champlain to ports in Whitehall, Port Henry, and Crown Point, N.Y. On July 4, 1986, they were in New York Harbor with a boatload of people for the Statue of Liberty celebration. We ran into Rose in June when some 130 Vermont Midd Alums took a cruise on the lake, complete with box lunch and narration by Midd Professor Rowland Illick. Rosie and Lynn live in New Haven in a farmhouse that has been in his family for several generations. While Lynn is the captain, Rosie says she does "everything else" to keep the business going. ...Welcome home to **Mary Jenks Kraaij** who has lived in Liberia, West Africa, for the past 20 years. She's now located in Baltimore, enrolled in graduate school. ...Our class has produced lots of legacies for Midd, we notice: **Jean Waller Brune** (Marion '88), **Elizabeth McLain Edwards** (Ann Deppmann '88), **Linda Johnson Emerson** (Christopher '91), **Charles Ffolliott** (Kristen Hyde '89), **Josephine Arnold Frame** (David R. '91), **Maryann Hickox Gow** (Deborah '90), **Patricia Watt Holley** (Lynn H. '91), **Jane Bowditch Holtz** (Amy '89), **Thomas G. Moore** (Eliza B. '89), **Smith Mowry** (Jonathan '90), **Robert Skiff** (Robert '90), **William Steers** (William E. '91), **Louise Gulick VanWinkle** (Mark '91), **Starr Kruesi Weekes** (Harry '90), and **Robert Youngman** (John '90). ...See previous page for profile of **Don Yeomans,** who received an Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming in October.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Hamilton S. Gregg (Carolyn Breckenridge), 40 East 94th St., New York, NY 10128, and Frederick W. Stetson, 10 W. Canal St., Winooski, VT 05404.*

Anna Maria Pfeiffer Barnum is an associate professor in the division of social studies at the University of Akron in Ohio. She has two daughters, Rebecca (18) and Susannah (17). Anna writes, "Becca is at the University of Akron studying ballet. I helped direct *Fiddler on the Roof* at Sukey's high school. I'm also teaching and volunteering for the American Civil Liberties Union." ...**Carol Burr**, chairman of the English department at California State University in Chico, has been recognized by *Change Magazine* (published by the National Council of Higher Education) as an "outstanding campus leader." Among her many responsibilities, Carol co-chairs the Statewide Women's Council of the State University. ...**Bob Eldred** is in the news again. An auction organized by Robert C. Eldred Co. Inc. attracted several hundred buyers from Cape Cod and many parts of the United States, the *Cape Cod Times* reports. Americana and decoys were among the items featured. A ruddy duck drake carved by A.E. Crowell of East Harwich, Mass., brought a final bid of $55,000 at the auction, held in East Dennis. The Eldred Company also auctions paintings, furniture, rugs, jewelry, and other fine arts. ...**Virginia Rouleau Eklund** writes from Danville, Ky., "I passed my qualifying exams and am now a candidate for a Ph.D. in school psychology. As a result of a grant I helped write, my local school district is receiving funding for one-half my salary as a school psychologist in 1987-88—one of 25 new positions funded in Kentucky. We are celebrating the end of course work by camping and driving to Alaska this summer '87." ...**Anne Knowlton Farrell** has moved back to northern Virginia (8320 Toll House Road, Annandale, VA 22003). "I am working for Arlington County Schools again, this time as a vocational assessment counselor. With all the refugees from Central America here, I'm busily relearning my Spanish. My children, Marie (16) and Jeb (14), love to ski so we plan to visit Middlebury soon." ...**Jane Henne Grant** is a Spanish teacher at The Academy at Charlemont in Massachusetts. "I really enjoy teaching here," Jane writes. "It's the most rewarding teaching position I've ever held." Jane and husband Stephen have three children—Charlie (12), Josh (10), and David (8). "I'm still on the local school committee," Jane adds, "and we continue to raise and sell red raspberries in the summer. It's amazing how many raspberries five people can pick in a hurry! The family that picks together sticks together." ...**Carol Olmstead Heaney**, who teaches at the high school level in New Jersey, has been on the move. She went to Florida for a vacation with her children, Bridget (14), Shannon (10), and Seamus (7); and she and another teacher chaperoned 16 students during a 12-day tour in Italy. ...Mary and **Robert W. Hintermaier** and their family still enjoy life in Midland, Texas. "Rob Jr. started college at the University of Texas, Austin. Daughter Mary graduated from Lee High School where our other son, Tim, is a student. We have had a Colombian exchange student with us this past year. Twentieth wedding anniversary this October (1987). Come see us in Texas!" ...**B. Carole Hoffman**, Esq., is vice president/senior attorney at

Dean Witter Reynolds in New York. She has one son, Jonathan C. Bragato. ...**John Holley** is continuing his career as vice president-marketing for Guinness Import Co. John and wife Linda live with daughter Lynn in Stamford, Conn. ...**Ruth Friedlander Huart** is an English instructor at the University of Paris. She and husband Max have two children, David (16) and Julien (13). Ruth is applying for a university-level teaching position. She writes, "Got a doctorate in linguistics in 1984. Am on the town council in the small village where we live in northern France." ...Michael and **Jiffy Starr Johnson** live in Clearwater, Fla., where she is director of community relations for Clearwater's Family Service Center. They have a son, Jim (15), and a daughter, Susanne, a Midd freshman. In addition to volunteering as a rape crisis counselor, Jiff says she is "active again as a ham radio operator; still studying modern Greek; completing major public relations campaign at the Family Service Center, including new brochure series." ...**Peter G. Karlson**, who was with John Hancock in Boston, is now self-employed, engaged in private investments. He and wife Danielle have two children, Francesca (6) and Christopher (16). ...In Middletown, Conn., **Carol Haas Kelley** has "made a conscious decision to stop worrying about being a super mom with some dynamic career, and have given myself to being a fully conscious parent....My Wesleyan job (administrative assistant, classics department) gives order to my work day. The girls—Dana (17) and Rhian (12)—bring the unpredictable as we search for wisdom and patience and sort through the daily events to find the rewards. ...Am enjoying whizzing away in my basement on my Nordic Trak!" Carol is married to Marv Kelley '64. ...Living in Orange, Calif., **Lynne Robinson Lawrence** is president and founder of United Service Network, Inc., a company "now providing third-party maintenance of computer systems in 300 locations nationwide." Lynne has three children: Jennifer (21), a senior at Chapman College; Kathryn (20), married with one child; and Jamie (17) at high school. ...**Heide Winkler Lawrence** is a self-employed graphic designer in Bloomfield, Conn. She's married to David Lawrence (Colby College '59). They have two daughters, Heather Maine (20) and Holly Maine (26). "Empty nesters now! Nice!" she writes. "Heather is at art school (CCAC) in San Francisco, having transferred there from the University of Denver; Holly is at Northfield Mount Hermon. David's four kids are also grown and 'launched.' He's busy guiding 1,300 seventh and eighth graders, as principal of Quirk Middle School in Hartford, while I pursue my career in the advertising world." ...**Read McLean** lives in Sebring, Fla., where he owns a business called McLean's. He and wife Betsy have two children, Penny (16) and Jennie (15). "Spent a week with **Jim Murdoch** skiing Alta, Snowbird, Park City, and Deer Valley, Utah," Read tells us. ...**Judy Sheldon Mills**, a senior analyst for Ortho Pharmaceutical, writes from Rocky Hill, N.J., "We continue to work too hard and play too little. Rick '66 is Governor Kean's aide for education. We're trying to plan some good vacations this year. Otherwise, all's well. We're still active in our volunteer fire company, a necessity in a small town like Rocky Hill." ...**Judy Couperus Radasch** is a vice president with MBIA in New York City. Her daughter, Karin, is a member of the Middlebury class of '85; son Peter is a student at Tulane. ...**Geoffrey Robinson** is practicing dentistry in Greenwich, Conn.: "a big change from New York City." Geoff and wife Katrina have two children, Elizabeth (8) and Cam (10). ...**David P. Talbott** lives in Dennis, Mass., and is vice president and general manager of South Shore Heating and Cooling, Inc., in South Yarmouth. He and wife "Chris" have two sons, Derek (Middlebury class of '90) and Geoffrey (16). Derek's grandfather, Donald P. Talbott, graduated from Middlebury in 1928, making Derek the third generation of his family to attend the College on the Hill. ...**Stanley R. Thomas III** is a vice president at Jennison-Wright in Granite City, Ill. Stan and wife Judith A. Thomas have two children: son Pete is at the University of Kansas College of Architecture; daughter Wendy is 14. ...**David R. Villepique** has been named an investment broker in the Westfield, N.J., office of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc. Dave has held banking positions since 1972, according to a brief item from the *Westfield (N.J.) Ledger*. ...The last known address for **James Aird Dorrance** was in Paris and an old roommate, M. Burke Walker '66, inquires "Ou etes-vous, Jean?" Burke is artistic director of The Empty Space Theatre in Seattle, Wash. He was married in February 1985 to Jacqueline Marie O'Ryan. He just finished a sabbatical during which time he directed productions at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, the Milwaukee Rep, and the Berkeley Rep. ...Many thanks to all of you for keeping in touch. We'll have much more news for you in the next issue of the magazine, thanks to a bundle of cards we have received recently.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley King (Rita Crocitto), 6 Arrow Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.*

As some of you may recall, one of the highlights of our 20th Reunion weekend was the 6K "Fun Run" which was won by none other than our own **Glenn Govertsen** who showed up a field of younger runners from other reunion classes. Glenn has since become more serious about his running and has entered a couple of marathons. He ran his first marathon in Seattle where he stayed with **David Stonington** ("You always need some support from friends!"). His finishing time of 2:54:12 qualified him for the Boston Marathon, which provided the opportunity to stay with Jane and **Roger Buchika**. "The Boston Marathon is such an event to be part of with the world class athletes competing and the million cheering people lining the streets for 26 miles....After the slow start, since there were 700 entrants, my race turned out quite well...I finished in 2:53:20 and was 914th overall and 127th in my age group. It sure hurt to finish, BUT I can't wait to do it again! Thanks again to Roger for his hospitality." Glenn has also skied some marathons and adds "although I can't catch **John Brodhead**, I did pass Dave Hanscom '63 at the 30K mark of the Yellowstone Rendezvous." ...**Tom Easton** is still with the FBI. Two years ago he requested reassignment from their headquarters to the Washington, D.C., field office where he is currently assigned to a very small group covering the entire U.S. and Puerto Rico. It involves extensive travel but is extremely interesting work. His daughter, Sharon, was married recently and will graduate from George Mason University in December '87. His son, Brian, is a freshman at the University of Virginia. Wife Kathy teaches high school in the Fairfax County school system. ...**Nancy Brown** is in her third year as a Ph.D. candidate in the biochemistry department of the Oregon Health Sciences University. Her research is being conducted at Portland's new Biomedical Research Institute, where all research is involved with the molecular biology of the nervous system. "I love this new direction I'm taking in life. I met my former roommate, **Martha Synerholm McSherry** in California last February and found we can still be crazy kids together. It was great!" ...Living in Marblehead, Mass. **Gerry Michaud** is still self-employed in the securities business as he has been for the last ten years. Gerry and wife Mimi have three children—Jack (13), Christy (10), and Peter (1-1/2). "We'd be happy to hear from any alums who want a harbor tour!" ...A short note from **Tom Morse** of Barnard, Vt., reports that his son, Thomas, has graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in civil engineering. ...In addition to being a professor of linguistics at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, **Gary Bevington** is also coordinator of International/Intercultural Studies there. He was remarried in 1980. "My wife Emily and I are both custodial parents (she of one and I of two), so we are a 'molecular' family of five. Stepdaughter Andria will enter Rochester Institute of Technology to study photography in the fall. Son Doug will be a senior in high school and plans to attend the University of California (probably Santa Cruz). Daughter Jill will be in eighth grade. Em is Hungarian but was born in Germany and had never been to Hungary until we went in 1984. Upon discovering that she had a large and lovely family there and that the country was really a wonderful place, we returned for a month last summer. We have also made several winter sojourns to Yucatan where we love to explore the jungle and villages away from the flash and trash of Cancun. This summer friends are coming from Germany and we will escort them on a tour of New England."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. William H. Hearne (Deven Hayford), 324 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450, and Richard E. Roller, 260 Front St., Marion, MA 02738.*

Apologies to all those classmates who must feel that their letters were encased in cement and thrown unread into the Otter Creek; actually they've been growing cobwebs in my (**Deven Hayford Hearne**'s) house waiting for the appropriate moment to surface—and this is it. ...Back in September 1986, **Robert Geckle** was appointed president of Branson Ultrasonics Corporation. He directs Branson's worldwide operations in the development, manufacture, and marketing of high-power ultrasonic equipment. He and wife **Kathy Landry Geckle** and their two children live at RD 3, Taunton Lake Road, Newtown, CT 06470. ...In May 1987, **Gary Margolis**, who is director of counseling and associate professor of English at Middlebury College, gave a poetry reading at the New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H. He reported that it was well attended and enjoyable. Gary's latest book of poetry is *Falling Awake*. He also continues to publish work in leading journals, including "The Doctor's Quarantine" in the *Antioch Review* and "Burning Back the Field" in *Poetry Now*. ...**Robin Thomas Ross** (3449 S.E. Sherman St., Portland, OR 97214) sends word that she is an RN and coordinator of the Teen Health Center at Marshall High School in Portland. ...Joseph and **Margaret Clark Mack** live in Sao Paolo (Rua Oscar Reire, 1406, apto. 31, 05409, Sao Paolo, SP, Brazil) where Margaret works as a legal translator for the largest law firm in South America. She

writes of being "excited today (2/27/87) since I am leaving to spend Carnaval in Rio de Janeiro and, for my very first time, I will be 'desfilando' in the official carnaval parade at the Sambodromo. Don't know whether this is a Midd first or not." Has anyone else paraded in the Carnaval in Rio? The Macks have two children, Daniel (11) and Laura (6). ...Another international note comes from **Fred Myers**, who lives in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Fred has worked for the past ten years for Aramco, first as a data processing liaison analyst and then as a programmer/analyst in the department that schedules oil deliveries out of the country. Fred wrote a densely-typed two-page letter condensing the last 20 years of his life, involving numerous job and geographic changes, international vacations (Thailand, Scandinavia, the Middle East, southern Africa, Australia), leisure pursuits (squash, tennis, long-distance trips on various exotic-sounding motorcycles), and his most recent change, marriage to a woman with "two teenagers, two cats, a dog, and three birds." Their latest address is Box 1671, Aramco, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Thanks for writing, Fred! ...**Andrew Gordon** (19 Old Nyack Turnpike, Monsey, NY 10952) sends word that he is a programmer/software engineer for deLime Associates. ...On a very sad note, I have to report that **Jessica Chase Taylor** died of cancer on April 3, 1987. I'm sure I speak for everyone in extending deep sympathy to her husband David and young daughter Justine (702 Bonifant St., Silver Spring, MD 20910). An obituary appears in another section of this magazine. ...And finally, a happier piece of news concerns those '67 classmates whose children are now attending Middlebury: **Bob Bethke**'s son, Peter is a junior; **Nat Cheney**'s daughter, Heather, is a freshman; **Peter** and **Terry Sheehan Migel**'s daughter, Thea, is a freshman; and **Gary Olinger**'s son, Todd, arrived on campus as a transfer student. May they reap all the benefits of a Middlebury sojourn and enjoy the mystery meat, too. Regards to all aging Middkids out there. Please write—even if you're not aging.

How I spent one summer vacation

"You're crazy" was one of the milder reactions I heard as I made plans as a single mother to camp across the U.S. with my two children. My former father-in-law continuously told me how far it is across the country (each time adding another 100 miles). "You'll get sick and lose more weight," my mother groaned. She gave me a stack of self-addressed postcards to mail her each week. More for them than me, I bought a CB radio.

I could understand the concerns. We are confirmed city dwellers; our home is a center city Philadelphia row house. The only reason my kids know a pig from a goat is that their father is a vet. Jason, a good-looking, 11-year-old (at the time) boy with blond hair and blue eyes, is into sports, being macho, and teasing girls. Rachel, my petite, dark-curly-haired nine-year-old, loves dolls and dancing. I am your average, tall, slim athletic type, who is mature enough to accept being prematurely gray (but not the thought of turning 40).

A two-month sabbatical from my job as a social work administrator made the trip possible. We packed as few things as possible in the back of our compact Chevy station wagon, saving space for souvenirs purchased along the way. A Rand McNally Atlas at hand, we left Philadelphia in the heavy heat of early July.

Two hours into the trip the car started making odd noises. Outside Carlisle, Pa., I could hear high pitched engine sounds, not unlike a power lawn mower. My heart sank when the mechanic said, "You got a valve problem, lady." I know enough about valve problems in cars to know they are roughly equivalent to an impending heart attack in humans.

That was the beginning of a new kind of relationship with our dented and scratched, 1979 red station wagon. We listened to her every whimper. I called her "Baby" and frequently stroked her dashboard. "Come on, Baby, you can make it. Just a little bit more," I coaxed, as we slowly climbed the hills of Western Pennsylvania straining in third gear.

We set up camp that first night by a lake in eastern Ohio. While the children pitched the tents and arranged sleeping bags and foam mats, I cooked dinner over the two-burner stove. Sitting at a picnic table surrounded by rolling hills, sounds of crickets, and a cool breeze, our tacos, salad, and fruit tasted much better than at home. A minor altercation broke the evening calm when I refused to cook a tiny fish Jason caught with his bare hands in the lake. We threw it back. He sulked.

But the peace of mind we gained that first night stayed with us. Even the engine noises miraculously disappeared somewhere between Chicago and Minneapolis, (although not permanently—more on that later). We traveled 400 miles each day on interstate highways until we reached the home of some friends in Minnesota, where we spent a leisurely weekend white water tubing and boating on the swift-flowing Apple and St. Croix Rivers. We journeyed north, almost to Canada, on back roads and camped in the dense forests along the northern shore of immense Lake Superior, which seemed more like an ocean than a lake.

From Minnesota we drove over endless, colorless prairies to the Bad Lands and Black Hills of South Dakota. A friendly park ranger suggested we visit a naturally heated spring, south of Rapid City. The children loved sliding down the huge water slide into the warm waters and talked me into trying it. I promptly lost my balance, fell, badly skinned my arms and legs and got a mouth full of smelly water. I managed to be more careful the following week when we rafted down the Snake River in the Teton Mountains of Wyoming. We proceeded to the Great Salt Lake in Utah where we floated with all the other tourists, then headed to California. San Francisco relatives chauffered us around nearby national parks. We traveled down the rugged coast of California, stopped at Disneyland, where the children were equally at home in this synthetic environment as they had been in the natural out of doors. After surfing in wild San Diego waves, we drove east to Zion Park, then trudged down the steep paths of the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Visits with family and friends whom we hadn't seen in years were the best parts of the trip. A former brother-in-law was most hospitable in Minnesota. In northern California we stayed with a long-lost aunt and uncle in their trailer. Friends from

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Class Secretaries: *Shari Galligan Johnson, 230 Hopkinton Road, Concord, NH 03301, and Dr. Bentley C. Gregg, 9800 Meadow Knoll Court, Vienna, VA 22180.*

Dr. **Chris D'Elia** (Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF, 1800 G St., NW, Washington, DC 20550) has taken a two-year leave of absence from the University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Lab to be a "rotator" at the National Science Foundation. His responsibilities include making funding decisions on proposals submitted to the Biological Oceanographic Program as well as helping to develop long-range programmatic plans in oceanography. ...Our thanks to Bob Wishart '66 for passing on news of one of our "recently-listed-here-as-missing" classmates: **Jim Jardine** is living in Lyndonville, Vt., his boyhood home. He works with the car dealership of Vinton Motors in St. Johnsbury. ...In January, **Rick Vomacka** moved from Iowa to Akron, Ohio, to take a job as editor with a corporation called Educational Directions. A recent project was a six-unit

college days welcomed us in their new San Diego home, where they had moved in advance of their furniture. We camped out in their gorgeous house overlooking the ocean, slept on floors, and ate on patio furniture. My friend and I enjoyed long walks on the beach, catching up on news and reminiscing about the old days when, as newlyweds, we were neighbors.

For our sanity both the children and I needed some time to ourselves. I welcomed having my own room in our Tetons cabin to read late—and not share a bed with Rachel and Suzie, her oversized koala bear. In San Diego a former teacher of the children took them for a day of sightseeing while I went shopping.

It was lonely at times. Jason and Rachel easily made new friends at campgrounds, but I found it difficult to start conversations with strangers. When I did approach people, such as when I needed help to fix my lantern, adults were friendly and we enjoyed trading camping and highway information.

Being the only driver, I had to pace myself to avoid fatigue. I learned my lesson one afternoon when, mesmerized by the 100-degree heat and white, stark scenery, I drove off the highway and hit a sign in the desert outside Salt Lake City.

On the whole, the children behaved well in the car. They fought, but not nearly as frequently as at home. They had moments of insecurity. Rachel insisted on telephoning her father twice a week. At one truck stop, Jason, unnerved by all the strange men milling around the halls outside our bedroom, was afraid someone might kick down our door.

Most decisions were made by consensus, but I held veto power, which I rarely used. "No, you can't drink a can of beer, even if you've never tried Coors." "No, I won't lend you $50 to buy a rattlesnake skin."

We spent our final week at the Presbyterians' Ghost Ranch in New Mexico—suggested by a friend. I was ready for adult companionship and here at last met some singles. While the adults took classes every morning, the children had their own day camp with crafts, hiking, and just enough Bible study to give them some religion.

I had to sign up for either a course called "Geology and Genesis" or another entitled "Being Single in a Fractured World." I decided I'd had enough of the latter. Not being particularly religious, in choosing the former I figured the geology might still be interesting. It was. We went out daily to local Indian digs, examining the rock strata and looking for artifacts.

I became tight friends with Richard and Roberta, a couple in their 70s from Fort Worth, Texas. Each newly widowed, they confided that their grown-up children did not approve of their living together. And there was Ron, a middle-aged minister from North Dakota, who said his wife was dying of cancer. On those long rides over mountain roads, we told a lot of stories and shared some secrets.

Altogether, the children and I were gone 52 days on the trip and drove a total of 8,550 miles. We camped a little less than half the time and drove no longer than six days before stopping for an extended stay of three to seven days. We spent only five nights in motels—and most of them were on the final trip home.

Car failure had been my biggest fear throughout the trip. It finally happened on the last leg of the trip when the dashboard lit up like a Christmas tree and steam poured from the hood. The CB radio I had bought to reassure those doubting Thomases finally paid off. We spent the next two days in a dreary motel where neither the TV nor toilet worked very well and where a nice—but not very skillful—mechanic worked on "Baby." He fixed one hold in the radiator—only to punch another. He ordered the wrong-sized hose that had to be exchanged at a distant dealership. To top it off, I got poison ivy.

After two months on the road—and two days in Spiceland—we were ready to sleep in our own beds. We knew we were almost home when we pulled off the Pennsylvania Turnpike and hit potholes. It seemed odd to be looking for a parking space once again.

Of trips like ours, I've discovered, are family legends made. A few months later, I was making my way to a family funeral in Scarsdale, N.Y. My mother and father were waiting impatiently, certain I must be lost. "Look," my sister-in-law told them, "if she can drive across the country, she can find a church in Scarsdale."

—Laurie Ward '67

series on pediatric emergencies, co-authored with the staff of the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Rick and wife Virginia, have two children, Joey (12) and Margaret (10), who are active in youth soccer and 4-H activities. ...Linda and **Steve Darling** (10632 Ayres Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064) report an addition to their family. Son Michael Pino Darling arrived on May 22, 1987. ...Congratulations are also due to **Stephen Limon** who married Jill L. Matsumoto on August 3, 1986. Their new address is 14 Rose Ave., Marblehead, MA 01945. ...Since fall 1986, **Ann A. Philips** (P.O. Box 113, New Gloucester, ME 04260) is a lecturer in Russian on the staff of Bates College. Her specialty is Russian literature. ...**Richard L. Brush** (18 Saunders Road, Saunderstown, RI 08874) was recently named director of hospitality education at Johnson and Wales College in Rhode Island. He oversees the college's degree programs in hospitality and provides guidance in the areas of curriculum, program policy, study abroad, and co-op programs. Dick also serves as liaison between the college and the hospitality industry. ...**Kurt Stier** is a professional photographer in the Boston area. Kurt divides his time between agency and corporate work and has shot for Digital Equipment, Eaton Financial Corp., East Bank, Apollo Computer, and Lotus Corp. ...**Peter M. Lauriat**, P.C. (19 Shattuck Road, Watertown, MA 02172) was recently named a partner in the law firm Peabody and Brown. Peter is specializing in product liability law. He is also the co-legal counsel of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee. Peter and wife **Alison Smith Lauriat** have two children, Nicholas and Kate. ...**Sharon Smith** (RFD 1, Box 2780, Hartland, ME 04943) is finishing up a master's degree in education at the University of Maine at Farmington. Teaching will be her second career; her previous master's was in cinema from the University of Southern California. In addition to courses and practice teaching, Sharon is active as a leader in Girl Scouts and Brownies. ...We would like to congratulate our fellow classmates who have children enrolled at Middlebury this year: **Barbara McHugh Bethke** (son Peter '89); **Pamela Parsons Naughton** (son Gregory '90); and **Frank Ads-head** (son Christopher '91).

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Class Secretaries: *Wendy Cole Singleton, 16109 Chalfont Circle, Dallas, TX 75248, and Lynn Markham Beebe, 12 Summerwood Road, W. Simsbury, CT 06092.*

Kurt Heinzelman writes, "After almost eight years in Texas (with one year out as a Fellow at the Society for the Humanities at Cornell University), I am getting back to New England, at least for a while. Beginning in September 1987, I will be a visting professor of English at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, where my wife, Susan, will be teaching as well. We are also ecstatic with our baby daughter, Clare Sage, who joined us on John Milton's birthday, December 9, 1985." ...**Gus** and **Alden Gannett Taylor** (11525 W. Pioneer Road, Meqon, WI 53092) have returned to the United States after seven wonderful years in London. They have three

little boys and have happily settled on a farm 20 miles out of Milwaukee, where Gus does investment banking. They enjoy the cultural activities of neary-by Chicago and look forward to renewing old acquaintances at our 20th Reunion! ...**Stefan Nagel** writes, "With my wife, Nancy, I have enjoyed sharing new experiences with our 3-year-old daughter, Kirsten, including skiing with **John Tidd** at Killington, Dick Weiss '72 at Squaw Valley, Calif., and mountaineering in the Italian Dolomites. I am presently the director of investment properties and an assistant general counsel with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C." ...**Jo Ann Schooling Sims** is living with her husband, William, daughter Kelly (14), and son Collin (10), at 7956 S. Centaur Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439. After leaving Middlebury at the end of our sophomore year, Jo Ann finished her degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder and taught school for several years. Some work in freelance writing led her into the public relations business and she now has her own company, JAS Communications, which is based in Denver. ...**Mary Ide O'Grady** is still living in 'God's Country' (editorial opinion of **Wendy Singleton** here!)—that is, Phoenix, Ariz., where she and her husband spend their free time golfing in the Arizona sunshine! ....**Wendy Cole Singleton** had a "Grand" summer of '87: two trips to the Grand Canyon and a delightful trip to Grand Cayman BWI for some great scuba diving! Let us hear what you're doing!

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Class Secretaries: *J. Ashley Cadwell, RD 1, Box 56, Orchard Lane, Middlebury, VT 05753, and Thomas de Rogatis, 27 E. 65th St., #5E, New York, NY 10021.*

After almost ten years of NASA support in Houston, **Elizabeth Bucher Dupuis** became manager of administrative and management subsystems for the NASA Space Station TMIS (Technical and Management Information System) in Washington, D.C. "However," she writes, "I have just resigned, and as of July my 16-year-old son and I are moving to Melbourne, Australia, where my fiance and his 16-year-old son (both Aussies) have been waiting for us. My 18-year-old will go to Sam Houston State University in September, and plans to join us permanently in Australia after his freshman year. The best address for us for the time being is c/o Allan Coyre, MicroInnovations, 4 Illowa St., East Malvern, VIC 3145, Australia.

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Class Secretaries: *Paula Morgan Wyman*, RD 1, Box 1395, Arlington, VT 05250, and Andrew Knowland, 4 Hampden St., Wellesley, MA 02181.

Well, at long last I (**Paula Morgan Wyman**) have forgiven all of you who attended our 15th Reunion for making me your class secretary by default. I'll do my best to report on all of our whereabouts over the next four years. And I promise to badger everyone incessantly to attend our blockbuster 20th in 1991! It comes to mind that there are other (translation: "crazy") activities which we could arrange for that reunion. So please let me know if you have some innovative ideas for some fun, fast times in 1991. ...After a short stint sweltering in Baltimore, Karen and **Bill Post** returned to Bennington, Vt., in summer 1986 and opened a restaurant. Rob and I have sampled the fare and it was really a treat. Congratulations! So if any of you are in southern Vermont, stop by and toast a few with Karen and Bill. ...Got a terrific (i.e., long) letter from **Rob Waters**, announcing not only the birth of his first child on July 4 but also his appointment as the new assistant metropolitan editor for the *Los Angeles Times*. He is one of several such assistants, handling state and local government, politics, education, and urban affairs. Rob, who has been with the *Times* for four years, is slated to cover the 1988 presidential campaign. From one who will actually be rubbing elbows with the candidates, Rob predicts that the campaign will be "fascinating, not to mention tragic, comic, and kinda depressing, at various stages along the way." And he sums up the whole election process by saying, "What a way to choose one of the most powerful persons on earth!" He also had the pleasure of meeting and lunching with President Olin Robison, who is an old friend of the *Times* publisher, Tom Johnson. Dr. Robison shared his insights on the new Soviet ideology of *glasnost*, drawn from his recent trip to Russia, and Rob found him to be "wise and articulate—and quite impressive." Rob also sent news of some of our classmates he has managed to keep in touch with. ...**Jay Glassman** (8334 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048), who gets together with Rob every month or so, is a recent graduate of law school and is "one of the most industrious people I know," according to Rob. He has also passed his bar exams and has entered private practice while working full time as a health services planner for Los Angeles County. ...Rob also reports that **Tom Tobin** is "alive and kicking" in Westerly, R.I. (50 Avondale Road, 02891). He and wife Kathy had their first child, Amy, in November 1986. Hi, Tobes! My best to all of you—I'd love to hear from you! ...Also **Marshall Forstein** is living in Boston where he recently adopted a year-old son. Marshall, who is practicing psychiatry, is quite active in the fight against AIDS. He is on the board of the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, and is also a consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health. ...Rob also passed through Denver recently and stayed with **Francie Marbury Mueller** (1840 Dover St., Lakewood, CO 80215) and her crew—husband Dave, and sons Keith and Patrick, and daughter Annette. They are active in a variety of Quaker- and peace-related matters. ...According to Rob, **Tom Giebink** (705 W. 8th St., #4, 78703) drops him a "cryptic note" from time to time. From all reports, Tom is still a "mad artist" in Austin, Texas. ...Rob closes his letter, "That's my report. Everyone else I knew has forgotten how to write but, if they still know how to read, they can find me at 3745 Stewart Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066." (Thanks for the shove, Rob. Hope it's catching!) ...Last winter, **Diana Egbers Fanning** (46 High St., Middlebury, VT 05753), who is currently teaching at Midd, performed works by Scarlatti, Ravel, and Chopin on Vermont ETV's *Guest of the House* program. Diana is well-known around Vermont as a frequent piano soloist and has performed for radio audiences on Public Radio's *Morning Pro Musica* and on WNYC in New York. ...**Glenn Goodwin** (4255 Skyline, Carlsbad, CA 92008) is working in funding analysis for homeowners associations in southern California. Bigger news, however, is that Glenn is also a bassist for various R & B groups in the area, and has also toured Eastern Bloc countries with an American jazz/R & B quartet. He has also had an album produced in Germany. ...**Obie Benz** is the founder of the Vanguard Foundation on the West Coast. A newspaper article entitled "Young Heirs Find Ways to Share Their Wealth," reports that Vanguard was the "culmination of (Obie's) years of community involvement and political activism against the Viet Nam War while (he was) at Middlebury...". After his college experiences—setting up an anti-drug hot line, childcare for college employees, etc.—Obie was determined to utilize his inheritance to support groups who were "too small, too radical, or too experimental" to attract funding. Vanguard financed one of the country's first shelters for battered women and a crisis center for rape victims. Obie also helped write a handbook about alternative giving, titled *Robin Hood Was Right*. Obie set up an umbrella foundation, the Funding Exchange, to handle his philanthropies, and is now a film maker living in Manhattan (401 W. Broadway, New York, NY 10012). He was nominated for an Academy Award for *Americas in Transition*, an 1981 documentary attacking American policy in Central America. According to Obie, films are the most effective way to influence large numbers of people, and he is trying to put together $20 million to finance ten such films—some with a social conscience, and some in a lighter vein. Kudos to you, Obie. Good luck. ...And Obie's not the only one in Show Biz. **Rick "Taxi" Smith** (387 Church St., Marshfield, MA 02050) is the co-host of *PM Magazine* in New England. Taxi was previously a reporter for WGGB-TV in Springfield, Mass., and before that was a senior trial lawyer in the Middlesex County District Attorney's office in Cambridge, and also in private practice. Taxi's also still single! ...And the arm of the law reaches further. **Margaret Rothschild Levy** (78 Cambria Court, Pawtucket, RI 02860) was recently appointed assistant secretary in the legal group of Old Stone Bank. She graduated from Suffolk University Law School and joined Old Stone in 1985. Margaret was previously a special assistant attorney general in the Rhode Island Attorney General's office. Say hi to **Bob**, Margie! ...**Carl** and **Susan McGuinness Reed** (2536 W. Prospect St., Ft. Collins, CO 80526) are the parents of three sons. Susie has been substitute teaching to get a "break" from her raucous trio every now and then. She is also riding a lot, "doing aerobics, and matching a lot of socks." Carl began cycling in 1984 and peaked in 1985 when he raced every weekend from April until September all around Colorado. He also competed in the National Veterans Road Race in South Carolina. Luckily, winter in Colorado "brakes his speed," and Carl finds time to concentrate on his job—although still training and planning the next summer's strategy on wheels! Susie writes that they missed our 15th due to a cycling conflict so—MARK OFF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN 1991 right now. You're both coming, hear? ...And there are more Midd kids! James and **Alison Bielli Nichols** (RFD #3, Box 152, Augusta, ME 04330) report two additions: Rachel Emily (1980) and Hunter James (1983). ...**Martha Murray** and **John Gambell** report a daughter, Caroline Murray Gambell, born in August 1985. ...That's it for this time around, except to add that I am now a full-time employee of our family business, Lawn Maintenance Company. Technically, I'm president and secretary, which means that I'm doing all the paper-shuffling and number crunching, and "gettin' down and dirty" when the lawn and landscaping crews are in need of bodies. Great way to get a tan and keep fit (I've tossed my Jane Fonda tape), and it also is giving me lots of time to be the entertainment committee for my two stepchildren, Jamie (11) and Bob (16). Hey, no

stretch marks and I'm loving every minute! And I also now have more time to keep in touch with all of you. The Alumni Office has sent me an updated printout of our class list, so don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you want addresses. Love you all! Bye!

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Class Secretaries: *Judy McCormack Culhane, P.O. Box 15753, Honolulu, HI 96830, and William E. Carlough, 54 Pleasant Ave., Pleasantville, NY 10570*

Gini Milkey is involved with international folk dancing in Brattleboro, Vt. She is the coordinator of the Brattleboro international folk dance sessions and of Brattleboro's Performing Group which performs in costume once or twice a year. ...**Irvin Urken** is being forced to vacate his seat on the Princeton, N.J., Borough Council because—with the birth of his second child—he and his family moved to a larger house outside the borough. He is the president of Urken Supply Company (his family's hardware store), as well as being a volunteer firefighter and the police commissioner. ...**John Skelly** and his family have moved into their new home in Lyme Center, N.H. Son David is in the second grade while daughter Katie is enjoying first. On weekends not reserved for splitting wood or hanging sheetrock, John and Helen make time for skiing, hiking, and camping. ...Alex and **Diane Tutherly Resly** have a son, Erik, who is almost 2-1/2. Diane was in Frankfurt, Germany, with J. Walter Thompson Advertising from 1980-83, and account supervisor with Ogilvy and Mather Advertising in Houston until Erik's birth. ...**John Thompson** was appointed a charter trustee of Berkshire School. He is director of sales management at Salomon Brothers. ...**Jack** and **Dede Ritchie Montgomery** welcomed a third daughter, Grace Katherine, on May 8, 1987. ...Bob and **Sally Sweetser Theis** were unable to make reunion (although Sally sent a bigger-than-life-size, 8-months-pregnant-profile drawing and note) but with good reason: Robert Peter was born on June 27, 1987. ...Boucie and **Sals Adams** were also unable to attend, because of the birth of their daughter, Kelly McNeill, born on April 27, 1987. ...Paula and **Donald Reutershan** welcomed a baby daughter, Katharine Julia, born March 6, 1987. ...Spring also saw the arrival of Elizabeth Walton, daughter of Ron and **Linda Callahan Henry**, who was born on June 7, 1987. ...**Anne Marvin** writes that she finished her dissertation last year and completed her doctorate in American studies—a project she started ten years ago, before "real life" got in the way. Anne is working at the Kansas Museum of History as curator of fine art, clothing, and entertainment. Anne and husband Michael Caron bought a house last summer and have been learning about fun stuff like plumbing and drainage and asbestos. While traveling in Minneapolis, Ann had a mini-reunion with **Sarah Colwell** and **Anne Cowie Wilson**. ...**Andy Merdek** was recently named vice president and general manager of *The Atlanta Constitution* and *The Atlanta Journal*. ...**Anne Common Arkin** missed our May reunion because she was in New Zealand shooting a film. Also in May, Anne starred opposite Keith Carradine in the CBS mini-series *Murder Ordained*. She is also appearing in some upcoming films, including John Avildson's *Maybe Baby* and Walt Disney's *Seal Kids*. ...You don't have to be a star of the Silver Screen to star in the next edition of newsnotes. Drop us a line about your latest production, whatever it may be. Our mailboxes are always open.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Farley, 27 Horseshoe Road, Mount Kisco, NY 10549, and Kirk Brennan, Lippincott & Margulies, 499 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022.*

Another reminder: Reunion weekend is May 27-29, 1988. Come and celebrate (or bemoan) the fact that we've made it through 15 years in the "Real World." You can expect to receive a questionnaire in the mail in the next couple of months. The information from that will be compiled into a reunion newsletter. ...**Linda Laursen Toscano** works for Life Publications on Long Island where she lives with husband Nicholas and children Pepe (11) and Carolina (6). Nicholas commutes to his job as an assistant professor at UVM. Last summer the entire family enjoyed a trip to Spain. ...Most likely our first class legacy to Middlebury is David Marshack, son of **Bruce Marshack**. David is now a junior. ...New Jersey State Senator **Frank Pallone** has announced his reelection bid, according to the Allaire, N.J., *Herald*. Holding advanced degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Rutgers Law School, he has a law office in Long Branch, where he also serves as city council president. His special concerns as a senator have been ocean pollution and issues of the aging. ...**Lesley Cadman** was married on August 1 to Jim Catalano, an artist and restorer of antique airplanes. Their new address is Westlin Lane, Cornwall, NY 12518. ...Classmates reporting new arrivals include Timothy and **Elaine Bishop Politis**, whose daughter, Alexandra Marjorie, was born on May 1, 1987; and Leslie and **Charles Cavness** whose son, Charles Lee III, was born on June 12, 1987.

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Class Secretary: *Peter Colton, 614 Grand Ave., #B, St. Paul, MN 55102.*

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Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown, 1 Roseland Road, Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald, 48 Perry St., #2R, New York, NY 10014.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Jonathan L. Drake (Cathy Colton), 546 Hilaire Road, St. Davids, PA 19087, and Jim Vear, 4129 N. Oakley, Chicago, IL 60618.*

Irene Calvo and **Peter Glick** have a new son, Jared Calvo Glick, born February 16, 1987, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Now pay attention all fellow ice cream fanatics, because Peter makes his own at Peter's Ice Cream Cafe on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. You can also purchase his taste treats at his shop in Greenwich Village, and his distributor supplies many of the better hotels and restaurants around New York City. Irene is "taking a break from freelance textile designing to enjoy Jared full time for a while." ...Annie and **Steve Rodgers** will soon celebrate birthday #1 with their daughter, Kary Travell, born December 14, 1986. I (**Jim Vear**) had the pleasure of meeting Kary last summer, but I'm not sure it was a pleasure for her. Unfortunately my beard seemed to put her off so that every time I got her attention she would cry and turn away! (I'll admit it was a big scraggly at the time, but I promise you all it looks better now.) Steve is working for Charter Group, a land development company operating in Fairfield County, Conn. Annie, like Irene, is currently a full-time mommy. ...**Peter Kristoph** is organizing a two-week trip to the Soviet Union in June 1988 for any interested Middlebury alumni and friends. At the time of the trip, Middlebury Russian department's Alexandra Baker will be resident director of the College's language program at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow. Anyone interested in the proposed trip should contact Peter as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Peter has been promoted to senior product analyst in the corporate marketing research and development department of the American International Group in New York City. AIG is one of the largest insurance and financial services corporations in the world. Peter is responsible for developing new product ideas in such areas as health care, life insurance, and retirement and education financing. ...Among the responses to our pleas for news came one from overseas. This issue's long-distance winner is **Holly Hoover de Montmarin** (Piazza Sempione 4, 20154 Milano, Italy). As Holly puts it, "I fall into the category of long lost '76 classmates who didn't make their way to the 10th Reunion because of: distance (we lived in London); children—William (8), Thomas (7), and Josephine (4); and work (moving from London to Milan). My French husband, Alain, works for a bank (about to be sold by the French government to the public) and we move on the average of every two years. My job is to keep our little family together, sane, and hopefully happy! In the course of our travels (Milan, Turin, New York City, London, re-Milan), we've run into various Midd graduates—without exception quite charming. Not wishing to lose contact with them due to the last move (definitely the worst of all!) and to answer your request for news, you are the recipient of this short note." Thanks, Holly. ...**Kathy Cashman** (Hibben 7B, Faculty Road, Princeton, NJ 08540) has completed her doctorate at Johns Hopkins University and is now teaching at Princeton University. Our Ivy League prof's only comment: "Whoever would have guessed that I'd end up in New Jersey?" ...**Gary Moreau**, vice president and general manager of the Oneida Silversmiths division of Oneida Ltd., has been promoted to president and chief operating officer of the division. Gary joined Oneida in 1977 and has been climbing up the corporate ladder ever since. ...**Fred Mueller** (4 Traymore St., Cambridge, MA 02140) now works for MathSoft Inc., a small "startup" operation. As senior software engineer, Fred describes himself as a "glorified computer programmer." His family recently celebrated the first birthday of daughter Eleanor, born August 10, 1986. ...When last heard from, **Tim Fisher** was coaching women's alpine skiing at Dartmouth College. Tim has been at Dartmouth since 1979, and among his team's recent achievements was an appearance at the 1987 World University Games. This was Tim's first international competition and a special honor for him and his skiers because coaches and competitors for the American team are selected by a committee of U.S. Olympic Committee members and NCAA ski coaches. ...Keep those cards and letters coming folks!

A spirit moves him

It's a summer evening. Jack Dobek '78 and Stacey Murphy Dobek '83 are stretching before class at the Busy Bodies dance studio in Bristol, Vt.

Jack Dobek wears close-cut, cotton sweats; Stacey Dobek's black leotards show two small holes in the right knee. They smile hello as four more dancers join them on the floor.

The stretching picks up a pattern and rhythm. The Dobeks peal off a few delicious sighs. The group begins a sort of dance. It's time to get started.

Jack Dobek motions the group to come toward him. Perhaps today the group would like to work on what Dobek calls "the impulse to move."

"I want everyone to lie on their backs and get comfortable," he begins. "I'm going to try to take you on an exploration. It's an exploration into the nature of movement and the source of movement. Think now, of the movement in this very room..."

Dobek's voice induces a relaxing, trance-like state, and it is from this state that the dance will eventually emerge as inhibitions and social protocols are set aside. He's not a teacher, Dobek insists, but a facilitator; the lessons that he leads have nothing to do with imparting "truths." Rather, he's trying to help each member of the group "quiet" him- or herself in order to discover "where the impulse to move is coming from—it might arise from breathing, or from the heartbeat, or from somewhere else."

Jack Dobek has always been a man on the move; at Middlebury, he is probably best remembered as a star football player and laxman. In 1977, he was an outstanding running back who helped lead Middlebury to the NESCAC football championship. Coach Mickey Heinecken remembers his as "one of the best that I've coached since coming here in 1973."

Drafted by the New York Giants, Dobek played with them for a week, which included a scrimmage against the Jets, before he was released. It was a "fun" experience, Dobek says, and he played his heart out. But he did not try to catch on with another team. In his few days in the NFL, Dobek says, he met "lots of people who were floating through the league looking for a home"; he took his own release as a signal ("from wherever in the universe these signs come from") that he move on to other things. He had also caught a glimpse of "what professional sports was about" (his entry physical examination determined an "injury risk factor")—and he decided that it wasn't for him.

Ten years later, Dobek lives in Vermont as a house builder, a dancer, and a family man (in October 1986 the Dobeks and two midwives delivered Cassidy Tucker Dobek in the upstairs bedroom of their South Lincoln home).

Dobek returned to Vermont soon after his try-out with the NFL and started a contracting firm with a Middlebury friend, Scott Morrison '77, specializing in salvage and restoration of old buildings. Lignum Vitae or "living wood," as they called the firm, was always "more a philosophy than a company," says Dobek, explaining that he and Morrison don't always work together anymore. Still, they continue to share the rent on a huge barn full of antique and recycled materials, everything from bricks to a 47-foot-long, hand-hewn oak beam.

And they continue to do some work together, recently finishing a three-year project in Charlotte, Vermont. They moved a house that was once in Weybridge and combined it with a wing from Brandon, taking each house apart, labeling the materials, and reassembling them on the new site.

Whenever possible, Dobek and Morrison avoid using modern building materials and techniques. "We subbed-out the cement work for the foundation," he says, "and then laid 18 inches of stone on the perimeter. The sills are bolted into the stone. All the rest of the frame is conventional mortis and tennon joints, with pegs securing them. We took certain liberties, but basically we tried to evoke a local early-1800s feel."

Dobek met Stacey Murphy in 1982, while she was a student at Middlebury. Both of them, as it happens, were biology majors; together they began some "personal expolorations" of the connections between physical and mental health, studying macro-biotics, yoga, oriental medicine, aikido, and Shiatsu (thumb-pressure) massage. Dobek has also pursued his interests in a two-semester anatomy and physiology course at the University of Vermont's College of Medicine (he had, at one time, thought about going to medical school).

Dance became a part of the ongoing educational program when Stacey Dobek gave her husband six dance lessons as a birthday gift three years ago. On the night of his first class (taught by Penny Campbell, who has since joined Middlebury's dance program), Dobek remembers being filled with excitement, as if he was "on the threshold of something important."

He has gone on to take a number of courses in the area of "dance therapy" at Burlington College. And two summers ago, the Dobeks spent eight weeks at the School of Body Mind Centering in Amherst, Mass., under Bonnie Cohen, a dancer-therapist who has worked with brain-impaired children. Cohen, Dobek explains, describes the interaction of body and mind in terms of six systems:

The Dobeks—Jack, Stacey, and Cassidy—on vacation.

skeletal, muscular, organ, endocrine, nervous, and fluid-circulatory. Each system initiates different kinds of movement, and dancers must be aware of these different systems to create expressive modern dance.

Dobek brings all this background to bear in his own eclectic dance, but at the heart, perhaps, is something he learned about in his early lessons with Penny Campbell, a dance method called "Contact Improvisation." He describes it this way: "In Contact Improv, you always maintain a point of contact between you and your partner; it could be your forehead, or your wrist, or whatever. That's the contact. The improv has a lot to do with physics, weight, and momentum."

It's dance that is designed, Dobek explains, to help you "to understand your body mentally and experientially." Developed at Bennington College in the early-1970s, contact improv is now being taught by a number of teachers in Vermont and elsewhere. "It's a perfect technique for someone like Jack," comments Penny Campbell, who has watched with interest as Dobek develops as a dancer, "because it demands great strength, but gentleness, too."

Contact improv is also a lesson about trust, Dobek explains: "You've got to trust yourself, but you've got to trust your partner, too."

A quick demonstration: Dobek pushes up into a handstand, then falls slowly backwards, assuming that his partner will catch him. He does. Then his partner does a forward tuck, and Dobek lifts him to an improvised handspring. The partner lands on his belly. Dobek propels himself over his partner's back and tucks into a roll.

As he says later, "When I dance, I like to surprise himself."—*Yale Lewis '87*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Eric L. Peters (Libet Campbell), P.O. Box 1, Edgartown, MA 02539, and Mr. Robert C. Lindberg, 6 Jefferson St., E. Granby, CT 06026.*

Jonathan Cook is continuing his residency in orthopedic surgery in Texas. His primary goals are a successful completion of his residency and to depart the Lone Star state, preferably for some R&R time in Vermont. ...**Kathy Cooper Lake** reports that between her work as an attorney, husband Randy's (Midd '74) job, and an active 2-year-old, advance planning now consists of 24 hours (a thought echoed by many new parents in the Class of '77). ...**Patricia Freeman-Lynde** includes Ellen Amelia and Mary Louise as two of her proudest achievements. Her future plans include studying architecture and real estate. ...**Ron Gauthier** completed his MBA at Northeastern University last June. He indicates that law school is a future possibility, as is a vacation to Hawaii. Tough choice, Ron? ...Carol and **Bob Lindberg** report the arrival of their new son, Matthew (on February 25, 1987) who has further delayed any hopes of early retirement. ...Alexandra and **Jonathon King** had a daughter, Elizabeth Deborah, on the following day, February 26. ...Elana Kristen was born to Roger and **Mary McGowan Kobak** (146 Dallam Road, Newark, DE 19711) on June 22, 1987. They moved to Delaware after three years in Denver because Roger is teaching at the University of Delaware. Mary is taking time off from her job as a family practitioner to "get to know her daughter." ...Tyler Winters Murphy arrived on June 19, 1987, to the delight of Chris and **Heidi Winters Murphy**. Heidi is on leave from her job at the Morgan Bank while she learns to cope with less sleep! ...**Sandy Koch** (405 Francis St., Exeter, CA 93221) was sorry to miss our reunion, but her graduation fell on the same day. She is now setting up a private practice in obstetrics and gynecology in California. She says she would love to hear from classmates, particularly **Martha Fernald Groves**. ...**Michele Harvan Montgomery** says that the combination of the first year of medical school (McMaster University Medical School in Hamilton, Ontario), and an energetic 2-year-old makes for "exciting and exhausting times." ...The new address for **Kathy Sanderson** and **Frank Sesno** is 11104 Burrywood Lane, Reston, VA 22094. Frank works for CNN as their Washington correspondent and Kathy is very active maintaining her own graphics and design company. ...Nancy and **Mark Schindler** have settled in Thetford Center, Vt., with their dog McTavish and an expanding menagerie. They report that with only two months of frost-free summer in Thetford, Middlebury now seems like a tropical paradise by comparison! ...**Michael McGown** is probably not alone in missing Middlebury's scenery the most and the food the least! He plans an early retirement and more returns to Vermont to ski. Mike, who is a corporate controller, and Karen DiValentino McGown '78 prefer vacationing at any "nice island beach." ...**Valerie Glenn Jorgensen** is an antique dealer whose favorite memory of Middlebury is modern dance with Johanna Boyce. Valerie is married to Ric Jorgensen who has a 13-year-old son, David. ...**Gretchen Witt** misses afternoon naps after class, the sunsets over the Adirondacks, and the people. "It was a good period in my life that I will always cherish," she writes. In 1983 and 1984, Gretchen received special achievement awards from the U.S. Department of Justice, and she received a certificate of appreciation from the civil division of the U.S. Department of Justice in 1985. Gretchen and husband Corey Belobrow plan to continue enjoying the New Hampshire lifestyle while Gretchen continues her job at the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Hampshire. She and Corey highly recommend New Zealand as a good place to get away from it all. ...**David Opie** is a computer programmer who misses the scenery at Middlebury the most. He still skis at the Snow Bowl from time to time. During the summer he went up to Maine with some people from his church, helping rural families upgrade their homes. ...A kindergarten teacher, **Melissa Lovell** also finds time to be national coordinator for Service Civil International (SCI/USA), a program which sponsors international voluntary service projects called workcamps. Melissa most remembers her independent project at Midd which involved visiting all the solar homes in Vermont. Melissa would like to continue teaching and hopes for an opportunity to teach abroad. She gives Kerry Irons' '79 address as 375 Carl St., #3, San Francisco, CA 94117. ...**David D. White** has been elected vice president, commercial lending, at Connecticut Bank and Trust Company. He is also a fundraiser for the Hartford Arts Council, an agent for the Harvard Business School Annual Fund, and a member of the Simsbury Historical Society. ...Last March in Wethersfield, Conn., **Denise Schlener** gave a slide-lecture on "The Connecticut River—Past, Present, and Future." Denise is director for the Lower Valley of the Connecticut River Watershed Council. She has also worked with the Wilderness Society in Washington and the National Park Service in San Francisco. ...**Sheila M. Person**, a member of our class who transferred to Bucknell, has been promoted from banking officer to manager at the Linglestown Road office of the Commonwealth National Bank in Harrisburg, Pa. ...**Libet Campbell Peters** keeps busy with part-time real estate appraisal research for a Boston appraiser, and with setting up a playgroup for toddlers, including her son, Nathaniel (2). Last summer Libet had the chance to see **Betsy Barbour Hopkins** and her sons, Justin and Sean; and Susan Polk '75 and her husband, Glen Wehrwein '68, and their sons, Paul and Jeffrey. "There are certain advantages to living in a desirable location, and seeing old friends is one of them." ...In closing, we would all like to thank **Nancy Kelley Hewes** and **Ed Young** for the fine job they have done in keeping us well-informed during the last six years. We hope to successfully carry on that tradition. So please write, send pictures, or call—we would love to hear from you!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Arthur Hancock, Jr. (Lucy Newell), 15 Amber Road, Hingham, MA 02043, and Robert K. Race, 12 Sandpiper Drive, Englishtown, NJ 07726.*

Allison Lee Worthy (544 W. Belden, Chicago, IL 60614) has been living in Chicago for two years, but she still misses New York. Her job at Leo Burnett takes her from Dewar's Scotch to Salada tea bags, and she never knows where she'll land next. Allison would love to hear from Midd grads in the Chicago area. ...Allen (Stanford '79) and **Jennifer Sullivan Weaver** moved to Hong Kong in June 1987 for a two- or three-year stay. Allen is working for Prudential Asia Capital Limited, a merchant bank subsidiary of Prudential Insurance Company. Prior to their move, Jennifer had been working in advertising for DFS Dorland in New York City and, at last word, she was looking forward to job opportunities in Hong Kong. The Weavers can be reached through Allen's business address: Prudential Asia Capital Limited, Alexandra House, 32nd Floor, 18 Chater Road, Hong Kong (telephone 011-852-5-8441000). Jennifer hopes to be back in Vermont for our 10th Reunion in spring! ...Ralph and **Carol Smith Graves** are the proud parents of Elizabeth, born June 24, 1987. Still in the Army, Carol returned in August for her third and last year as an instructor of psychology at West Point (U.S. Military Academy). Ralph works for the chief of staff of the Army in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. At year's end, they will link up again for their next assignment, possibly overseas. ...Skip and **Lucy Newell Han-**

The wedding of M.J. Wagner '80 and Tom Dedon at the Manchester, Maine, home of the bride's parents, Richard '53 and Josephine Eaton Wagner '54, brought together a number of Middlebury people. Pictured on September 6, 1986, are (front row, left to right) Eva Sontum Pahnke '54, Josephine Wagner (mother of the bride), Sue McDougall Gubisch '80, the newlyweds, Madeline Hardart '80, Flora Fisher Sigourney '57, (back row) Richard Wagner (father of the bride), Macy Lawrence Ratliff '80, Robin Putnam '80, Kris Slauson Van Opdorp '80, Ellen Boyles Race '80, and Rob Race '78 holding daughter Kayla.

September 27, 1986, was the wedding day of Robert E. Higgins '81 and Christine A. Pauletich (University of the Pacific '82). Toasting the newlyweds in San Francisco are (standing, left to right) Howard Rogers '56, Carol Anderson Rogers '56, Mike McNamara '82, Tony Trase '81, Charles Tipper '81, Chris West '81, Skip Wyer '83, Beth Dorion Wyer '85, Chris Higgins '83, Martha Turnbull Higgins '85, Emmett Thomas, Colin Higgins '91 (brother of the bridegroom); (seated, second row) Sally Burke '84, Joni Stone, Tedd Saunders, Kim Holtan '81, Holly Charlesworth Casner '83, Todd Saunders '83, Doug Rich '81, Richard Casner; (kneeling in front) Peggy Smith, Rob and Christine.

cock and son Charlie moved to new quarters in July (see new address above). Same town, bigger house, more maintenance, more projects! Lucy is still with John Hancock Leasing Corporation in Boston, doing computer systems work; Skip is a systems consultant with Information Builders Inc., the software company which develops the language called FOCUS. Charlie (4) is happily settled in day care and ready for nursery school. ...Mark '79 and **Sally Gilmore Gordon** have started a mail-order catalogue enterprise called On Safari, with the tour operator Abercrombie and Kent. Their first four-color catalogue, published last spring, featured Mark on the cover! On Safari offers travel clothing/equipment and books/advice on equipment appropriate for different destinations around the world. If you would like to receive the catalogue, call 800-237-0779. When they aren't working on the mail-order business, Sally and Mark are ranching, kayaking, mountain climbing, and enjoying good western air. ...We were surprised and saddened to learn of the death of our classmate **Gregg Wadleigh**, who died unexpectedly on May 9, 1987. An obituary appears elsewhere. ...In closing, don't forget that our 10th Reunion is but a few months away!

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Class Secretaries: *Margaret A. Paine, P.O. Box 1522, Manchester Center, VT 05255, and Tiffany Nourse Sargent, P.O. Box 333, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Mary Lee Krahn, who graduated from Chicago Lutheran Seminary last May, became an ordained minister on August 16. Mary is now the assistant pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Jamestown, N.Y. Mary and husband Wolf '78 and son Jonathan were excited about their move back to the East. ...**Peter Mandel** has left the Antioch Publishing Company in Ohio to become the new assistant to the president of Bryant College. He earned his M.A. in writing from Brown University and was an editorial associate for the Brown Alumni Monthly. Among his many credits as a freelance writer are the *Middlebury Magazine*, the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*, the *Providence Sunday Journal*, *Harper's*, and ***Yankee***. Peter and wife **Kathy Byrd Mandel** are living in Providence, R.I. ...**Chris Lee Eaton** is a preservation consultant for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in Waltham, Mass. Married on May 16, Chris and her husband are now living in their new home in Beverly, Mass. ...**Leonard Krause** was married to Alison Leigh Salisbury on May 31. They are at home at 2134 De Mazo, Del Mar, CA 92014. ...**Russell Brackett** is pursuing his M.B.A. at Columbia University. ...**Gary Schiff** is happy to be the project manager for the building of a four-season resort at Greylock Glen, in his hometown area of North Adams, Mass. Gary earned his master's in landscape architecture from Howard University in 1984. While there, Gary met and married Arlene, who is a planner for Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill in Boston. Gary works for the SWA Group of Boston. Gary and Arlene live in Cambridge, Mass. ...**Bo Duer Price** has become a systems analyst with House Wright Software, Inc., a computer consulting firm in Burlington, Vt. Bo earned her M.S. from Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute and has been working in computers for several years. ...**Dana Yeaton** has been named the recipient of a 1987-'88 Fellowship in Literature by the Vermont Council on the Arts. The award was given for *Big Boys in High Places*, one of two plays by Dana which premiered at the College last year. Dana, who lives in Middlebury, has placed pieces in *American Poetry Review* and *New England Review*. His award will be used for the writing and development of a full-length play.

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Class Secretary: *Melisa B. Stern, 67 Monument Ave., Charlestown, MA 02129, and Macy Lawrence Ratliff, 7540 37th Ave. NE, #203, Seattle, WA 98115.*

Jeff Barstow (Wells Highland Road, RR1, Box 316, Wells, ME 04090) left his job in Manhattan to try his hand at his own entrepreneurial venture, Favorite Foods, Inc. His Portsmouth, N.H., company distributes food to restaurants and institutions along the seacoast from the north shore of Boston through New Hampshire and into southern Maine. After experiencing the entire "rise and fall" of People Express, Jeff's wife, Linda, was rewarded with a position managing Continental Airlines' entire Portland, Maine, operation. ...**Ron van de Krol** is also striking out on his own as a freelance journalist. So far he has enjoyed the challenge, writing primarily for the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris and *The Times* in London, as well as for a few specialized economic/finance magazines in London. Since returning to Amsterdam in April after a two-year assignment in Bonn for Reuters News Agnecy, Ron reports that "being your own boss is both fun and exhausting at the same time." His wife, Jeanet, has remained with Reuters in the Amsterdam office. They spent the first two weeks of September bicycling through the Languedoc region of Southern France, slightly reminiscent of the NC bike trip **Mike Harris** organized during our sophomore year. Ron and Jeanet have been looking forward to spending Christmas in Boston for the first time since 1979! ...Don '76 and **Dede Dinse Johnston** have also adapted to a European lifestyle as they have made their home in London for 2-1/2 years. Don's position with Salomon Brothers as vice president of corporate finance activities in Spain, Austria, and Portugal, has given them frequent opportunities to travel around the continent. Meanwhile, the population of London increased by one on August 1, 1987, with the birth of their son, Kyle Edward. ...**Susie Estes** will have ample opportunity to explore the continent this year as the Bank of Boston has moved her to London, which will serve as her base while she audits their offices throughout Europe. At this rate, we will have to schedule a mini-reunion for the European contingency prior to our 10th in 1990! ...In Boston, **Alison Osius** has been presenting a slide show of her rock climbing expeditions to France and Australia as part of a month-long series on outdoor adventures sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports. When not rock climbing, Alison serves as the associate editor of *Ultrasport* magazine. ...**John Newell** is an attorney in Boston with the firm of Goodwin, Proctor and Hoar. John and his wife live in Melrose. ...**Madeline Hardart** has migrated to Boston from Denver in order to serve on the Dukakis Committee. ...**Dave McCary** graduated from Amos Tuck last June with his MBA. Dave and wife Tina have moved to Simsbury, Conn., where he is working for Aetna Realty Investors, Inc., a subsidiary of Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford. Dave is a commercial real estate analyst. ...**Michael Pearson** has entered several careers over the last few years, including writing in Santa Cruz, Calif., ski instructing in Breckenridge, Colo., and modeling in NYC. He has now moved to the Jersey shore where he is selling real estate on the Atlantic and Barnegat Bay. Mike declares, "I am considering being single for the rest of my life and I miss all my Midd friends too much." ...**Tim Soule** has been named executive director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp. in Vermont. He was previously a California sales rep for Automative Computer Technology, where he was responsible for the marketing and installation of computer software programs in automotive dealerships. ...Since passing the Arizona state bar exam in 1985, **Elizabeth Vlassis** has been practicing in Phoenix as an associate with Vlassis and Verburg. She would love to hear from any classmates in the Phoenix area. ...Thanks to all of you who regularly keep us up-

dated on your goings-on. So what about the rest of you? **Macy Lawrence Ratliff** is joining me (**Missi Stern**) as our West Coast correspondent, reporting live from Seattle. Since we now have twice the writer power, let's hear from that silent majority!

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Class Secretaries: *Cynthia L. Strong, 255 E. 23rd St., #19F, New York, NY 10010, and Joshua M. Horowitz, 335 Eastgate Lane, Martinez, CA 94553.*

Those halcyon days at Midd are just one of many things we can be thankful for as the holidays begin. ...**Chuck** and **Betsy Jones Hemenway** (5962 N.W. 29th St., Gainesville, FL 32606) have moved south. Chuck has completed the program at UMass Medical School and has started his internship in Gainesville. Betsy is a teaching fellow in Russian at the University of Florida. ...We hear that **Dave** and Lydia Mason '82 **Hill** are adjusting to life after their two-year stint in Sierra Leone, West Africa, as Peace Corps volunteers. After traveling for five months, they returned to the States for Christmas 1986 and moved to Washington, D.C. Now in Philadelphia, Dave is attending UPenn in the appropriate technology program, while Lydia is teaching at the elementary level. ...**Ruth Turner** is staying quite busy in her consulting engineer spot in New Hampshire. She helped in a major reconstruction of Gunstock Ski Area and has begun similar work at Sugarbush. Ruth is also working to complete her Level I ski coaching certification for the upcoming season. ...Still an editor at Houghton Mifflin in Boston, **Marcy Parlow Pomerance** and husband John are enjoying their recently-purchased condo in Concord. Marcy attended the Alumni College computer seminar at Bread Loaf last June. ...**Val Kindred** (12730 Whittington Drive, #808, Houston, TX 77077) is an exploration geologist with Shell. Val also mentioned that **Pam Dinsmore** finished law school in Toronto and journeyed to Thailand last summer. ...**Dan Conlin** has finished his internship and is now in year one of his residency at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. ...**Elaine Bresnahan** married Dr. J. Case on May 24 in Scituate, Mass. Amongst the attendees were **Dorsey Milot, Sarah Strom, Maura Connor Lohrenz**, and Sue Mainelli '80. Elaine wrapped up her work in costuming for the TV show *Spencer for Hire* and is thinking of starting up her own shop. ...**Doug Dickson** has been teaching math at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., for five years. Other duties include running a boys' dormitory and coaching football and lacrosse. Doug and wife Laura are also busy on the homefront raising their two boys, Mackswell Douglas (born 1/29/86) and Bowman Garrett (2/11/87). ...**Steve Brown** is now a sales manager for real estate investment for Paine Webber. He and Lisa Ritchie were married last August and now live at 35 Frothingham St., Milton, MA 02138. Steve keeps in touch with **Cecily Chilton Matthai**, who sends greetings from the Baltimore area (321 W. Timonium Road, Timonium, MD 21093). Cecily married L. Bruce Matthai last September on Martha's Vineyard. She sees **Sue Dutcher Wagley** quite often as they re-enact Middlebury tennis team antics. Both Steve Brown and Cecily were planning attendance at the July 1987 wedding of **Peter Pagenstecher** and Jane Mastalir. ...Michael and **Susan Taylor Kulp** (43 Maple Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002) are the proud parents of Benjamin Taylor Kulp, born July 10, 1987. ...**Bob** and **Carol Morrison Bingham** were married last April in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Middlebury well wishers included **Marcia Nordgren, Barbara Burns Comstock, Tucker Gosnell**, and **Cathy Mazza**. ...Down in the Cajun territory of New Orleans, **Maura Connor** married Steve Lohrenz September 27, 1986. **Sarah Strom** and **Caren Hoffman** were '81 classmates who shared in the festivities. The newlyweds, who live at 511 Lake Sardis Drive, Slidell, LA 70461, are pursuing careers in oceanography. Maura is a computer scientist and systems manager for a satellite-image processing facility. ...**Barbara Burns Comstock** became a member of the Virginia bar in the fall, having graduated from Georgetown Law School last spring. ...Also joining the ranks of new lawyers was **Marcia Nordgren**, who graduated from Rutgers University in May 1987. While attending Rutgers, Marcia was the managing editor of *Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal*. After clerking for a federal judge in New Jersey, Marcia moved to Manhattan in the fall to join the corporate department of the firm of Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon. ...**Aline Storey Zimmer** (16 Theodore St., Wharton, NJ 07885) has returned to McGraw-Hill where she is managing the book clubs. ...**Peter Doelger** (142 St. James St., West Hartford, CT 06107) is hard at work pursuing his medical career. ...**Craig Edwards** has received an MBA in International Business from the University of Leuven, Brussels. The School is an affiliate of the University of Chicago where Craig will return to complete a second MBA this fall. ...**Bret Bero** has been promoted to manager for the Management Consulting Services Group of Price Waterhouse in New York City. Bret, wife Joan, and daughter Brita reside in Scarsdale, N.Y. ...**Luis Fernandez** (435 East 79th St., #14F, New York, NY 10021) is attending Columbia University. ...Teaching elementary special education at the Robbinston/Charlotte Schools, **Ann Luginbuhl**'s address is Box 49A, Rt 1, Dennysville, ME 04628. ...**Dick Porter** is serving as a law clerk for Judge Richard A. Posner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago. Dick received his law degree with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in June 1986. In addition to being a member of the *Law Review*, Dick was also elected to the Order of the Coif for excellence in the work of the school and was the recipient of the John M. Olin prize to the outstanding graduate in law and economics. ...Anyone interested in learning more about what really goes on in the world of TV game shows? Just ask **Ken Carleton**, managing editor of *TV Game Show* magazine, a monthly which tells fans all. ...After completing his MBA at Georgetown University, **Peter Smit** (66c Ave De Tervuren, Box 58, 1040 Brussels, Belgium) is working in Honeywell Inc.'s European headquarters. ...The Class of 1981 deeply regrets the loss of our friend, **John Hill.** Our sincerest sympathies are extended to his family and loved ones.

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Class Secretaries: *Polly B. Mitchell, 63 E. Broad St., Hopewell, NJ 08525, and Stephen P. Kiernan, 360 State St., Albany, NY 12210.*

First of all, thanks for your kind votes. We'll do our best to keep this column interesting, as long as you keep doing exciting things and letting us know about them. For those of you who missed reunion, it was a great time! Good weather and the beauty of Bread Loaf contributed to the fun atmosphere, but the real reason for such a success was the huge turnout. Hats off to our outbound class secretaries—**Karin Bloom Heffernan** and **Harold Burroughs**—for their efforts. Here's what we were able to pick up from reunion, and elsewhere: **Paul Henderson** and **Tina Gluck** are married and living in Illinois. ...**Jay Baney**, who lives in NYC, still plays the guitar very well. ...**Tom Gumbart** spent most of reunion terrorizing Paul and Jay, just like the good old days. ...**Dave Henken** finished University of Chicago Law School and is practicing in Boston. ...With Dave was **Melissa Mills**, who is working on a master's in international relations and working for *The World Paper* while living in Boston. ...**Caleb Rick**, who is finishing up at Vermont Law, is sporting a macho beard. ...After a year of teaching in Portland, Maine, Uncle **Woody Woodsum** spent his fifth summer

In Wellesley, Mass., Beth Charlton '83 married Randy Roy on May 30, 1986. The Class of '83 was represented by (front row, left to right) Amy Wilcox, Carey MacFarland, Kim Adams Weiss, (second row) Liza Johnson Maxwell, Beth and Roy, Kim Kline, and Noelle Montagu, (standing) Michael Maxwell '84, Richard Johnson '58, and Doug Weiss '84.

Nancy Murphy and Tom Wilson '82 were married on October 11, 1986, in Pine Orchard, Conn. Middlebury well-wishers included (left to right, back) Mark Stone '82, Jack Thomas '83, Ron Klein '83, Robert "Ox" Wilson '50, Michael McNamara '82, Jeff Thomas '84, (front) Tom Wilson '82, the newlyweds, and Barry McPherson '82.

When Maura Connor '81 married Steven E. Lohrenz in New Orleans on September 27, 1986, she wore her mother's dress. Wedding attendants included (standing) Stephan Bostwick, Bruce Brownawell, the newlyweds, Rabah Rennane, David Kulis; (seated) Sarah Strom '81, Candice Lane, Alisa Rennane, Shelagh Connor '85 (sister of the bride), and Caren Hoffman '81.

When Maura Toole '85 and Joe Weis '82 were married in Pittsburgh June 13, 1987, they were well supported by Middlebury attendants and friends: (left to right) Jib Martens '82, John Vergara '82, Caryn Underhill Harkins '82, Andy Sidford '82, Beth Goddard Long '82, Rob Davis '82, Kathy O'Connor Sidford '83, John Lewis '83, Jennifer Gibson '85, Janet Arnold '85, Andy Bennett '82, the newlyweds, Robyn Rieser '85, Tux Brown '82, Kris Anderson '85, John Denny '85, Rick Bashian '82, Don Notman '82, Heather Cross '82, and Wendy Behringer '82. Joe works in the finance area of Westinghouse Credit Corporation; Maura is in the public relations department at Carnegie Mellon University.

Middlebury celebrants at the November 15, 1986, marriage of Kimberly Schlegel and William Boscow (both '84) were all members of the Class of '84, except those designated otherwise: (back row, left to right) Phoebe Twichell '86, Ken Rapuano, Nora Cregan, Tom Steinle, Katrina Scully, Brian O'Sullivan, Mary Dolbear, Bill Boscow (bridegroom), Scott Fillenworth, Heather Pierce '86, Dennis Boyle, Meryle Capone, Cecil Marlowe, Martha Keenan Baldwin, Jon Campi, Tim Simpson, Cliff Nelson, Tracy Weidman, (front row) Rick Peterson, Jason Bacon, Andrew Zehner, Kimberly Schlegel Boscow (bride), Sally Burke, Kevin D'arcy, and Tom Baldwin.

working at Bread Loaf. ...Also in Portland are **Doug** and **Beth Rockefeller Currier**, who brought their two children to reunion. Fortunately they both look like Beth! Their in-law, **Meredith Wade Rockefeller**, traveled over from Putney, Vt., where she is living on a farm and teaching. ...Having moved back east from Colorado, **Andy Stebbins** is a stockbroker in Philadelphia. A recent weekend of carousing was spent by Andy, **Brett Summers** (who has finished travels after completing law school at Northwestern and is now working for Willkie, Farr & Gallagher in Manhattan), **Greg Howard** (finished at Suffolk Law and is practicing in New Hampshire), and **Jamie Dwight** (living in NYC and soon to be in a major motion picture). ...A good weekend was also had by **Melissa Millan** (a manager for the Washington Group insurance company in D.C.), **Mimi Gleason** (in advertising with N.W. Avery in NYC), and **Robin Tait** (teaching in Rochester, N.Y.). ...Meanwhile, **Tom Unger** has published a young adult's novel (under a pseudonym) with good success, **RJ Hake** is headed to California to study engineering, **Alison McGhee** is teaching Chinese in Minneapolis, Big **Stu Richards** works for IBM in Waltham, Mass., and **Pete Campbell** thinks the whole thing is "terrific, just terrific, really and truly terrific." ...**Bettina Bretz**, who has received an MBA from the European Institute of Business Administration in Fontainebleau, France, was married to Marc Terfloth in July. ...Living in New Jersey, **Archer Clark is in the process of weighing a number of career options. ...Laura Tenbroeke** is teaching tennis in Connecticut. ...**Ned Denney** is at Harvard Business School; **Greg Tolman** works for IBM in Portland, Maine; **Mike Gibbs** is practicing law in New York City; **Mitchell Cohen** is "earning his equity card," doing repertory work in Colorado between stints in the Big Apple—as well as a lead role at Vermont Repertory last winter. ...**Doc Lafferty** has finished a bout of teaching at Harvard and is now teaching in China. ...**Paul Brumbaum**, who lives in San Francisco, has been doing lots of running. ...**Greg Murphy** also lives in the Bay Area and works in toxic waste management research "on the side of the good guys," whenever he's not out exploring Yosemite. ...Down in San Diego, **Betty Tonon Coffin** is pursuing her residency, having completed UVM's College of Medicine. ...Rumor has it that **Jane Oski** began medical school this fall. ...**Nate Rockwell** and his wife are about to celebrate their third anniversary. ...**Kristine Barnes** was married to Andy Kirkaldy '75 in Mead Chapel in June. Representing '82 at that event were **Priscilla Coburn** (who is leaving Boston to pursue an MBA at University of Chicago) and **Polly Mitch-**

Here's the latest scoop on Colorado ice cream

During his senior year at Middlebury, when all of his friends were talking about job interviews, Josh Paris '85 and his high school buddy John Krakauer were talking about ice cream parlours. After Paris graduated from Middlebury, the two friends spent several months working in ice cream establishments to learn all of the mysteries of ice cream creation and to get a feel for what they wanted in a store.

Then these two young men took the famous advice and went west, to Colorado Springs, where they opened Josh & John's ice cream store. It's been called "the Ben & Jerry's of Colorado."

Why Colorado Springs? Well, Krakauer had graduated from Colorado College and had observed that there was definitely a need for a local ice cream establishment. (Good call, John.) Paris says, "We had no competition—there's nothing like it out here."

Both Paris (son of Stephen Paris '31) and Krakauer come from the hardcore ice cream town of Boston. "We grew up eating this kind of ice cream," Paris declares. "We're experts on it."

Paris acknowledges that Ben & Jerry's was definitely an inspiration, but his ice cream shows the influence of the famous Steve's Ice Cream of Quincy Market in Boston. Like Steve's, Josh & John's ice cream parlour has a mixer right behind the counter, in view of the shop's front window. They use the mixer to flatten out the ice cream and then, on request, they smoosh in all kinds of crushed candy bars, M&Ms, and peanut butter cups. "Everybody likes that," says Paris. "Some people order it just to watch you work."

Even with ice cream influences bred into them, Paris and Krakauer had a few things to learn when they started their business. They had some cash—including a $75,000 loan, acquired at 10 percent interest from Paris' grandfather—and "we knew a lot about ice cream." But, as Paris says, they didn't know a lot about building a store: "We knew we needed to buy a $5,000 freezer, but the nit-picky decisions were really

Josh Paris '86 (left) and John Krakauer have found that running their own ice cream store is a lot of work.

difficult. Should we get blue tiles or red tiles for the floor? We just didn't know." They chose blue and white, which has been as much of a hit as everything else at Josh & John's. Which just goes to prove Paris' motto: "You can learn anything you have to."

There's certainly a lot of satisfaction in running your own business, Paris says, but it's also a lot of work: "Sometimes it wears down on you. You're responsible every day. It sounds ridiculous, but Krakauer and I might even have to get beepers in case we have to be reached!"

Josh & John's scrumptious and exotic flavors include Chocolate Mousse, Bluberry cheesecake, Vermont maple, and Orange Creamsicle. Thirteen flavors a day are featured on a rotating list. Says Paris, "It's fun just thinking up new flavors."

Business is booming: "We've been open just over a year, and we're already making money," Paris says (and they've begun repaying his grandfather). "We think that's pretty good." He and his partner are talking about expansion—and they don't mean adding a few more flavors. They're putting an ice cream cart out on the streets this summer. They might open another store in a year or so; they're looking for another Colorado town in dire need of an ice cream oasis. "We change our minds on that one," says Paris, "depending on how tired we are."

For the time being, Paris and Krakauer continue to do just what the hand-painted sign in their shop says: "We Make Ice Cream the Old-Fashioned Way—We Churn It."

—Leslie Virostek '88

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth Sprague Shields, 2744 N. Marmora, #2, Chicago, IL 60639, and Kenneth F. Edwards, 7630 Rickshaw Drive, Colorado, CO 80918.*

Living in Arlington, Va., **Matt Weeden** works for the State Department. ...**Brad Calkins** is a marketing representative at Contec Executone in Fairfax. Brad keeps busy with soccer, golf, and tennis, and sometimes relives scenes at the Alibi with **Brian Napack** and Eric Bergwall '84. ...**John** and **Robin Courtney Hadden** are still living in Vermont. Robin teaches English to Czechoslovakian refugees and John is studying music. ...**Dan Kagan** spent the summer of '87 in Newport Beach, Calif., working as a summer associate in a law firm. While in California Dan visited with **Carl Hobert** (check with Dan for the details). Dan has become the editor-in-chief of the *Environmental Affairs Law Review*. He also plans to undertake a judicial clerkship in the U.S. Dictrict Court in Portland, Maine, after graduation from B.C. in the spring. Dan will have another important announcement for us in October '88. ...**Bob Gulla** is doing freelance copywriting and also supplementing his income as a waiter. ...**Chris Kimberly** is hard at work at Shearson Lehman on Wall Street. ...**Randy Mahoney** has been promoted to assistant vice president at Baybank Middlesex. Randy is responsible for commercial lending and business development in Winchester, Woburn, and the greater Boston areas. ...**Beth Charlton** was married to Randolph Roy on May 30, 1987, in Wellesley. The Roys are living at 80 Lewis Road, Belmont, MA 02178. Beth began working on her master's in social work at B.U. in the fall. ...Please send us your news!

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth L. Hackett, 418 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003, and William R. Hathaway, 814 E. Kensington Blvd., #1, Shorewood, WI 53211.*

A number of Midd alumni gathered on August 1 and 2 in Virginia Beach, Va., at the home of **Larry Goldstein** for a weekend of buffoonery. Now sales manager for Virginia Design, a plastics packaging company, Larry moved to Virginia Beach in June. ...One participant, **Martin Lanigan**, reported that he is in Boston working as a commercial/investment broker for Peter Elliot & Company. He recently returned from Acapulco and Mexico City where he was visiting **Pat "Pepsi" McCormick** who works for Colgate in Mexico City. ...Joining the Bank of New England in a one-year training program is **Todd Hermanson**. Prior to his Virginia Beach exploits, Todd traveled in Central and Eastern Europe in June and July. ...Still at Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H., **Paul Drain** also traveled last summer, spending four weeks canoeing and hiking through Alaska. ...**B.J. Paik** works for Booz, Allen & Hamilton in Washington, D.C. ...**Peter Tichansky** recently moved to N.Y.C. where he is director of programs at the Business Council for International Understanding. ...**Jason Bacon** broke away from his now infamous 151 Club and Citicorp Investment Bank to join the Beach Party. ...And last, but certainly not least, after 1,000 miles on the road and en route to Boston for a month at Beth Israel Hospital, was **Bill Hathaway**. ...**Buck Dominick** continues law school in Denver, anxiously awaiting graduation. ...**Helen Otto Tuten** is enrolled at the Medical University of South Carolina in the physical therapy program. She was married 'way back in June 1985 to David Tuten. ...**Tony Flint** recently joined *The Berkshire Eagle* as the Pittsfield (Mass.) City Hall reporter. He received a United Press International New England Newspaper News Award for spot news coverage while at the *Register Citizen*, a Miller Publishing Company paper. ...**Ted Reagle**, who lives in Cambridge, Mass., has been appointed to the position of public relations account executive at Devine and Partners Inc. in Norwell, Mass. He will coordinate client and agency p.r. for the advertising firm. ...**Mark Hastings**, who is in law school in Boston, was married on July 5, 1986, to Hsu Yi-Wen in Taipei, Taiwan. ...**Mary Menard** has finished her last year of veterinary school in Columbus, Ohio. She also finds time to play hockey in the intramural program. The only woman in the league, her team won the first game 6-0!! ...**Hector Guzman** is in his third year of law school at Northwestern in Portland, Oregon. ...**Richard Woodward** is back from two years in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica. After spending time in Denver during August, he was starting a Ph.D. program in economics at Stanford in the fall. ...**Peter Kyle** is still a ski instructor for Club Med. Last winter he was at Copper Mountain in Colorado; the summer he spent teaching in New Zealand; fall he taught windsurfing in Tahiti; this winter he was to be in Japan. ...**Elizabeth Reuman** began graduate work at Penn this fall to get her master's degree in counseling. ...**Kate Lucey** has moved from Seattle to northern California, where she attended a summer program in film production at Stanford University. ...In August, Jay and **Lissie Rodriguez Chandler** left New York City for Tokyo. ...Having completed her master's in elementary education, **Caroline Woodhouse** is teaching first grade in the Rawley, Mass., public school system. ...**Jen Little** and **Craig Born** are both at Tuck Business School at Dartmouth this year. ...**Tom Knox** took the Maryland bar exam in late July, spent August traveling in Europe with **Craig Born**, and began work at the law firm of Tucker, Flyer Sanger, and Lewis in the fall. ...**Brad Frazee** finished his second year at medical school at the University of Chicago. ...**Richard Smith** was heading back for his second year at UVM medical school, after spending the summer crewing a sailboat on the East Coast. ...**Gillian Goodman** was married on August 16 in Denver, Colo., to **Steve Siegel**, a law student at the University of Boulder. ...**Jennifer Bailey** has graduated from M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management with an MBA. She was awarded the Miriam Sherburne Scholarship for academic achievement and professional promise. Jen has accepted a job with the high tech firm, Teleknowledge, in Palo Alto, Calif. ...**Terri Webster** and **Bob Woellner** are in Virgin Key, Fla. Bob is working on his master's degree at the University of Miami Rosensteil School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. ...**Rich Wagman** spent the summer working for the University of Rhode Island's International Institute for Sport, a program designed to increase cultural awareness through the medium of sport. ...**Kristin Smith** is attending the John F. Kennedy School of Government after spending the summer traveling in the West and through New Zealand and Australia. ...**Chris Hecht** was recently featured in *Image* magazine (June 14, 1987, page 12). The story was about his taping of Grateful Dead concerts. ...**Gordon Woodworth** (14 Center St., Glens Falls, NY 12801) continues to succeed in the newspaper business. For the second year in a row he was selected Sports Writer of the Year by

Macon Morehouse '86 and Stephen Aubrey Gasque (Johns Hopkins '76) were married on June 20, 1987, in Walpole, N.H. Celebrating with them from Middlebury were (left to right) Heather Breed '86, Pam Belanger '86, Jon Kelly '85, Heather Karlson '87, the newlyweds, Laura Mugnani '86, and Carole Komornik '84. Macon writes for the Congressional Quarterly; Steve is a Washington correspondent for Cox Broadcasting.

Among the first to the altar from the Class of '87 was Dan Curtis '87 who married Diane Findrest on May 31, 1987, in Gloversville, N.Y. Seated next to Dan are his parents, Lawrence '57 and Helen Dickey Curtis '58. Next to the bride are seated Pat Tibone Castelli and husband John, both '58. Standing are (left to right) Jeff Moger '83, Carol Osborn Moger '51, Joyce Vorbeau '87, Nancy Moore '89, Sheryl Cole '89, David Stearns '87, Charles Conover '85, Sharon Milhous Conover '85, Mark McEathron '87, Kim Bennett '89, Julie Rochat '88, Tara Selby '89, and Andrew Smith '89. Two Middlebury people eluded the photographer: Elaine Sherrick '87 and Doug Badger '89.

the New York State Basketball Tournament committee. He is actively involved in Local #34 of the Newspaper Guild as vice-chairman of the Glens Falls Unit.

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Class Secretaries: *Katherine Champion, 22 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138, and Andrew Gluck, 61 Unity Ave., Belmont, MA 02178.*

Homecoming will have come and gone by the time you read this column, so look for that news in the next issue. And remember to stay in touch! ...**Eric Helsley** was married to Sue Marvin on August 9, 1986, in Hudson, N.Y. They have since bought a house at 12409 Danby Road, Pineville, NC 28134. Midd kids at the wedding included **Dale Sailer, Mark Coulter, Tom Palmer, Heather Henderson, Dean Jordan, Bill Faris**, Pat Cronin '86, Nan Ilgenfritz '87, Andy Cruickshank '86, and Barb Marvin '87. ...**Anne Davis** married **Jon Peterson** on July 11, 1987. They now live in Virginia where Anne works for the Great American Land Corporation and Jon is in real estate with his father. ...On June 13, 1987, **Maura Toole** married Joe Weis '82. **John Denny, Jen Gibson, Robyn Rieser**, and **Kris Anderson** were among the Middlebury people there. ...**Maura Riccobene** was a bridesmaid last February when **Margot O'Mara** was married to Tim Connors. ...After a September marriage, **Kim Davis** and **Andy Gluck** were relocating to Boston. ...**Marion MacKenzie** and Roger Christoph were married in June 1987. ...The summer saw lots of 85'ers getting together for good times. **Brian Concannon** got a group together at his Marshfield, Mass., home for a non-traditional triathlon. Brian reports that **Jim MacKay** is studying jazz piano while living in Middlebury; **Dave Shaw**, who lives in Belmont, Mass., is looking into magazine publishing; and **Mike Donovan** (Rochester Medical School) spent the summer in Hiroshima studying the effects of radiation. ...Brian also mentioned that **Doug White, Matt Dawson**, and **Kley Parkhurst** got together at **JP Tracey**'s place in Connecticut. Kley has left New York City for Princeton, N.J. ...Those who are sticking in the Big Apple got together for the annual Harbor Cruise in July. Those floating on the harbor included **John Owen, Mimi Harding, Don Hall, Lisa Olsson, Janice Palmer, Meg Storey, Dale Sailer, Tory Rockefeller, Austin Jacobson, Bill Weldon, Mike Boardman, Duff Badgley, Tenley Adams**, and **Reeve Waud**. Since then, Janice has moved to Maryland where she is working for a software company. Meg is through with the training portion of her job at the Bank of New York. Austin is at the Brooklyn Law School. **Mike Boardman** writes, "I have finished the Chemical Bank training program (after sitting next to **Bill Weldon**, Steve Martus '86, and Katie Carpenter '86). I also played squash for the Chemical Bank team in the New York Business League." ...Also in N.Y.C., **Debby Payne** is now working for a sports marketing firm called Capital Sports Inc. (805 3rd Ave., NY, NY 10022; 212-319-7770). ...**Karen Handelsman** (61 Lexington Ave., #E, NY, NY 10010) works as the program coordinator at the Citizens Exchange Council, after spending a year and a half leading tour groups in the U.S.S.R.. She says she often sees **Sonia Krotkov** and **Blake Herron**. ...**Sara Ramseyer** has left the City to start law school out west. Sara's old roommates **Mimi Harding, Ann Friedhofer**, and **Cynthia Van Vranken** had two visitors in the spring—**Kelly Petrison** (down from Rochester Medical School) and **Fiona Coleman** (in from Bermuda!). ...The Nipper is happy with a new job and apartment. ...**Paul Oyer** is off to Yale Business School. ...On the Western Front, **Paul Jensen** writes, "I had a fantastic trip traveling around the world with **Cecil Barron**. We spent most of our time in Australia and Asia." In the fall he returned to B.U. Law School. ...Finally, some D.C news. **Nancy Hughes** is enjoying her sports marketing position. **Jodie Silverman** and **Johanna Glover** say all is well. **Mary Weaver** is a legislative correspondent for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Her home number is (202) 836-4478. ...**Chris Lande** (2051 N. Woodstock St., Arlington, VA 22207) works for CDM Federal Programs Corp. He recently made it up to New Haven, Conn., for golf with **Chris Santella, Pete Clough, Mike McDonough, Don Ryder** and **Jeff Law**

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Class Secretaries: *Suzanne Duncan, 7800 Buckboard Court, Potomac, MD 20854, and James H. Bromley, Jr., 200 E. 94th St., #317, New York, NY 10128.*

Seems the longer we're away from Middlebury, the less news we receive. ...After one year of law school, **Mike Montesano** was looking forward to his second year at the University of Oregon. His address at school is Box 63506, U. of Oregon Law School, Eugene, OR 97403-6035. ...**Amy Fielding** has begun a two-year stint with a State Department contractor, Pacific Architects and Engineers, at the American Embassy in Moscow. ...Back in Seattle, **Mary Cleveland** reports she is attending nursing school at the University of Washington. ...**Steve Madden** says he had a fantastic time on his recent six-month trip through Fiji, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, England, and Scotland. ...A letter filled with news of classmates in Europe arrived from **Melissa Kontoff**, who has been interning with a non-profit group in Cologne, West Germany. The group develops exchange programs and student tours for foreigners in Germany and for Germans in foreign countries. **Vicky Litz** visited Melissa last January when she was living in Wiesbaden. **Bob Lehmann** stopped off on his way to TASIS England where he taught a summer computer course. Bob returned to Kent School in Connecticut to resume his job with the math department. **Amy Snyder** took a week's vacation in March from her law job in New York City to visit Melissa. Amy started law school at Boston College in the fall. **Andy Cole, Ann Wood**, and **Janice Stuver** were all in Mainz finishing their Midd master's degrees in German. **Ute Fahnenstich** is completing her chemistry master's at Mainz. **Carolyn Highley**, who finished her Midd master's in Spanish in May, planned to stay in Madrid for a while. ...Nearer to Middlebury, **Caroline Perera** is in N.Y.C. working as an assistant buyer for Mercantile Stores, Inc. ...In Providence, **Eric Gonon** is the assistant assignment editor in charge of 12 news crews covering local news for WPRI-TV News Channel 12-ABC. ...**Sue Rockwell** received the G. Bruce Dearing Writing Award in Medical Humanities during her first year at SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse's College of Medicine. ...**Nancie Ravenel** has been working at various museums in Washington, D.C., in preparation for a degree in art restoration. ...**Suzanne Duncan** has moved to Maryland where she is the associate store manager at Banana Republic in Georgetown. ...**Macon Morehouse** married Steve Gasque on June 20, 1987, in Walpole, N.H. She has been published several times in the *Congressional Quarterly* where she works as the editorial coordinator. Macon and Steve live in Kensington, Md. ...June 20 was the date of two '86 marriages, both in the Philadelphia area. **Elizabeth Hackney** married Brian McBride '83, while **Becky Spahr** and Graeme Frazier tied the knot. "Hack" and Brian are now living in N.Y.C. where Hack is teaching third grade. Becky has moved from Manchester, Mass., back down to Philadelphia and is anxious to have visitors—once they have a place to live (with luck they'll have a place to welcome you by the time you read this). ...**Kevin Besse** also got married last spring to Pam Drake on the Cape. Their wedding featured a police escort to the church for carloads of Middlebury

attendees. ...**Kate Wallace** has started her first year of law school at Suffolk while former roommate **Sue Whitty** has graduated from the accelerated master's program in accounting at the University of Hartford. Sue continues to work for Arthur Anderson. ...**Erin Quinn** and **Geoff Harlan** are continuing the coaching careers which they began at Middlebury. Erin is at Tufts and Geoff at Hobart. ...**Jennifer Reuling** has also escaped her housing responsibilities at Middlebury, moving to Boston where she has been seeking employment. ...After teaching skiing in Europe, **Nicky Biddle** worked in a clothing store in Concord, Mass., while training for the women's worlds in sailing, scheduled for October. ...Don't be shy about dropping a note to a class secretary or to the Alumni Office. We'd love to hear from you.

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Class Secretaries: *Dorothy S. Paynter, 345 East 84th St., New York, NY 10028, and John K. Zehner, Box 4207, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We've heard from a lot of '87s for our first alumni column. Many people have moved to the Big Apple. The Midd Harbor Cruise in July was well attended. **Kirsten Hegan** has returned from Europe to start a time-demanding but exciting job at APM. ...**Dan Treiber** and **Mike Kaufman** have started graduate school. ...**Anne Corry** is probably thinking about doing the same as she has second thoughts about the life of a paralegal. ...**Tuck Esty** is working in a stereo store. ...**Ruth Thomas** is enjoying Time Life, Inc. **Sharon Ballard** is now at Johnson and Higgins working as an insurance broker... Eleanor Ode is publishing textbooks at Prentice Hall ...**Mike Neff, John Melson, Jay Dunn, Todd Walker**, and **John Reis** have entered the banking world, while **Bill Kelso**, and **Scott Meredith** have plans to do so in the near future. ...Reports have it that **Galen Scott, Britta Herlitz, Katherine Ury, Billy Diadamo, Betsy Holmes, Scott Sloan, John Woolley, Alison Napack, Stephanie Goggin**, and **Sue Steinle** were also on board. What a turnout for the cruise! ...After doing some bartending on Cape Cod during the summer, **Bill Eschert** was looking forward to paralegal work in Hartford after Labor Day. ...**Winn Curran** and **Elizabeth West** also spent their summers on the Cape. ...**Bob Post** worked on campus; **Anne Klinck** remained in the Middlebury area fixing canoes for her parents' camp and getting ready for her biopsychology internship in Philadelphia. ...**Dan Silvershein** worked at the UN three days a week. ...**Dorrie Paynter** is working for DDB Needham Advertising at Mobil Oil Corp. ...**Caroline Pu** is learning about Venezuelan exporting in N.Y.C ...**Dave Nislick** was taking classes at First Boston before the onset of the grueling hours ...**Sarah Clark** was in the midst of a six-month Aetna training program. ...**Buck DeWolf** and **Kurt Miller** are in a UNUM program in Portland, Maine. ...Several people have jumped from student to teacher since last May. **Lynn Feldpausch** is teaching German in California, **Krissy McMahon** Spanish at Eaglebrook, and **Allison Beckwith** French at Kent. ...In Boston: ...**Jason Robart, Andy Berzins**, and **Matt Bacon** are sharing an apartment in Boston. ..**Sharon Gray** is campaigning for the "Duke."... ...**Cheri Mather** started her job at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. ...**JoMonell** is progressing at State Street Bank. ...**Jake Brown** has been seen around town interviewing people for *Boston Magazine*. You may have seen his name on several fall articles. ...**Rob Tucker** and **Christine McCrorey** are also working in Bean Town. ...Rumor has it that two houses on Nantucket were shared last summer by **Mark Schille, Steve Kirkpatrick, Charlie Burchard, Scott Langerman, John Ward, Cam McClearn, Chris Hopkins, Sean Dunphy, Paul Bottino, Liam Patterson, Dom Napolitano**, and **Mark Williams**. **Al Smiley**'s recent wedding was attended by the many men of Nantucket and such notables as **Paul Davis, Brian Smith, Chris Hopkins, Bill Tucker**, and **Sarah Hebb**. ...The ever-growing contingent on the other side of the country include **Ann Christie** and **Nancy Ilgenfritz**, who drove out to California in search of jobs. ...**Leigh Admirand** is suffering as a paralegal. ...**Alex VanPraagh, Geoff Houghton**, and **Jim Lilly** appear to be enjoying life in a California hot tub. ...**Westy Caswell** loves Minneapolis. ...**Marty Ulrich** and **Kevin McCarthy** traveled around Europe for five weeks. ...**Bernard Condon** struggled through Japanese at Harvard Summer School in preparation for his fall departure for the Orient. ...**Joe Irwin** began a management trainee program for New England Telephone in August. ...**John Devine** plans to work in Chicago in "business." ...Many folks have chosen not to leave the friendly confines of Club Midd: **Kathy Follert, K.K. Desmond, Frank Ostrow, Liza Weekes, John Castle, and John Zehner** are working for Frank Kelley in Residential Life. Kathy is working in the public affairs office for *Middlebury Magazine* and *Midd Points*, the internal newspaper for faculty and staff. John and John are teaming with **Joe Ganley** in coaching the freshman football team. **Chris Parsons** is coaching soccer. ...**Natalie Posey, Liz Rice, Nick Mazzamurro, Jen Menella, Emily Ferman, Bob Post**, and **Ed Riccobene** had a small reunion at **Matt Bacon**'s house on Lake Champlain. ...**John Tuttle** was working at a beach in Charlotte, Vt. ...Settled into a Burlington, Vt. apartment, **Tom Funk** is writing a novel and building log cabin homes. ...There are Middlebury events going on across the country. If you happen to run into a couple '87s somewhere, let us have your report!

OBITUARIES

13 **Barbara H. Smith**, 95, of Gardner, Mass., on April 24, 1987. Miss Smith was born in Weybridge, Vt. and graduated from Middlebury High School in 1909. In college she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She attended the New York State Library School in Albany, from which she received a professional certificate in 1916. For the next four years she served the Silas Bronson Library of Waterbury, Conn., as cataloguer and reference librarian. During this time, she attended summer classes in Middlebury's graduate program, and earned her master's degree in English in 1919. In 1920 she joined the staff of the Gardner, Mass., public library system, and remained there until her retirement in 1948. Miss Smith was a member of Gardner's First Congregational Church, the Gardner College Club, and the Gardner Women's Club. She leaves a niece, Dorothy Spillers of Turtle Creek, Pa. (the daughter of her brother, the late Eric W. Smith '25), two grandnieces and four grandnephews.

20 **Hollis R. Cooley**, 88, of New York City, on May 14, 1987. A Vermont native, he was Phi Beta Kappa at Middlebury and then served for two years as instructor of mathematics, earning his master's degree in 1922. He joined the faculty of New York University in 1925, earning his doctorate and full professorship in 1937. He served on the faculty for 42 years, during which time he authored or co-authored several widely-used mathematics textbooks, served in University Senate, and for many years was president of the NYU chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Professor Cooley was a pioneer of educational television, teaching the first course in mathematics on the CBS "Sunrise Semester" program during the late '50s. Professor Cooley is survived by his wife, Rita W. Cooley, Professor Emerita of politics, New York University; a son, Professor James H. Cooley '52 of Troy, Idaho; a daughter, Mrs. Ann C. Bruce of Danby, Vt.; two brothers, Oscar W. Cooley '25 of Ada, Ohio, and Emerson F. Cooley of Yahala, Fla.; seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

—by Rita W. Cooley

22 **Anne Littlefield Locklin**, 86, of Urbana, Ill., on April 27, 1987. Mrs. Locklin attended Newburyport, Mass., High School. A history major at Middlebury, she graduated with high honors in her major and in English, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to teach history at Easthampton, Mass., High School for two years. In 1924, she married D. Philip Locklin '20. Mrs. Locklin was a member of the League of Women Voters and the A.A.U.W. She also belonged to the Urbana Woman's Literary Club. Survivors include her husband and two sons, David and Robert.

24 **Margaret Smith Danforth**, 85, of Scituate, Mass., on August 3, 1987. Mrs. Danforth came to Middlebury from Bristol, Vt., High School. After two years in college, she began a six-year teaching career which first took her to Middletown Springs, Vt., and subsequently to Bristol, Vt., Junior High School. In 1926 she married Wiley F. Danforth, a 1921 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Together they owned and operated antique shops in two Vermont towns, Danville and Underhill, over a 20-year period. Mrs. Danforth moved to Scituate in 1973. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Wheeler Park Club, and the Scituate 60 Plus Club. Her husband predeceased her. Mrs. Danforth is survived by two daughters, Diana Burkhardt of Scituate, and Janice Knickerbocker of Melbourne, Fla.; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

25 **Whitney B. Gorham**, 83, of Clearwater, Fla., on April 11, 1987. Mr. Gorham came to Middlebury from the high school in Englewood, N.J. In college he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. Mr. Gorham was the retired owner of the R.A. Gorham Company of Englewood, an insurance agency. He moved to Florida in 1962, and was

a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo. He is survived by his wife, Leota Knapp Gorham; two daughters, Helen Kohler of Howell, N.J., and Linda Gorham of Miami Springs, Fla; and a granddaughter.

27 **Foster Reid Clement, Jr.**, 81, of Manchester, Vt., on August 26, 1987, in Weston Hadden Convalescent Center in Bennington, Vt. Born in Burlington, Vt., "Clem" prepared for college at Exeter Academy and Montpelier Seminary. While at Middlebury he was on the Blue Baboon Board, first as advertising manager and then as business manager. He was also advertising manager of the Class of 1927 *Kaleidoscope*, and chairman of Junior Week in 1926. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Pi Epsilon fraternities. For four years he and classmate Howard W. Cutler ("Cut") roomed together in 14 Hepburn Hall. Immediately upon graduation he began work with the Chase Manhattan Bank NA in New York City, from which he retired as a vice president in 1966. In 1928 he married Louise Mae Covey '27 of Katonah, N.Y. They lived in Chappaqua, N.Y., until his retirement when they moved to Manchester, Vt. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A member of the Ekwanok Country Club of Manchester, always active in civic affairs, "Clem" was a trustee of Dellwood Cemetery Association in Manchester; a member of the Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission; a trustee of Southewestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, and a member of the board of Mt. Laurel School in Manchester. He was also treasurer for the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains, N.Y. A former trustee of Middlebury, Clem was a charter member of the College's board of overseers. He is survived by his wife of Manchester; two daughters, Mrs. Abigail C. LePage of Easton, Conn., and Mrs. Judith P. Ware '57 of Denver, Colo.; and five grandchildren.—*by Howard Cutler '27*

27 **Dorothy Cox Greene**, 81, of Narragansett, R.I., on June 8, 1987. Mrs. Greene came to Middlebury from Amesbury, Mass., High School. She majored in English and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Mrs. Greene earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1933. She was a sergeant first class in the Women's Army Corps, in which she had been an instructor for more than 20 years. Her duty assignments included postings in Tokyo and Munich. Upon her retirement in 1965, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Mrs. Greene was a communicant of St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church. She was a member of the Mansfield American Legion Post 198, the Order of the Eastern Star, Amesbury, and a former member of the Republican Club and the Chamber of Commerce in Narragansett.

28 **Ruth Dorothy Hay**, 80, of Bellows Falls, Vt., on July 1, 1987. During junior year at Middlebury, Ruth held court in the Chateau, helping her less proficient dorm neighbors with their French (her special love)—and convulsing us all with tales of her gym fiascos. Most of her professional career was spent at Proctor High School, Utica, N.Y., where she was head of the foreign language department. She received her master's degree in 1933 at Columbia University and completed graduate studies at the Sorbonne and the University of Brussels. She also taught for one year in the Lycee Emile Jacqumain in Belgium, on a Fulbright grant. Dot retired in 1969, returning to her native Bellows Falls to care for her mother. She was a member of the American Association of Teachers of French, Delta Kappa Gamma (an honorary educators' sorority), and the American Association of University Women. She is survived by one niece, Lelia Hay French of Eastford, Conn., and several Middlebury cousins, including Helen Kelley Stafford '38 and Sandra Anderson Bolton '61.

28 **Clayton C. Jones**, 81, of Waterbury, Vt., on July 10, 1987. Mr. Jones was born in Waterbury and came to college from the high school there. At Middlebury he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He received a master's degree in recreation and community organization from New York University. In the years leading up to World War II, Mr. Jones worked for the federal government in the Departments of Education, Labor, and Housing and Community Affairs. After the war he spent 3-1/2 years in West Germany as a foreign service officer. Mr. Jones then rejoined the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, from which he retired in 1972. He returned to his native Waterbury, where he became active in local and state politics. He leaves his wife of nearly 40 years, Helen Dapogny Jones; four daughters, all in Massachusetts, Aurelie Jones-Goodwin '55 of West Newton, Rosemary Lawson of North Attleboro, Jennifer Campion of Newton Highlands, and Meredith of Cambridge; two sons, Jeremy of Milton, Vt., and David of Cedar Grove, N.J.; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

30 **John W. Carver**, 80, on May 8, 1987. Mr. Carver was a lifelong resident of Lynn, Mass. He was employed by a Boston brokerage firm for many years, and later worked as an auto supply salesman for Shore Sales in Beverly, Mass. He retired in the late 1960s. He leaves two sisters, Margaret Fraher and Henrietta Boccuzzo, both of Lynn; a close friend, Miss Charlotte Bigelow of Lynn; and several nieces and nephews.

30 **Frank A. Chromec**, 81, of Springfield, Vt., on April 15, 1987. Czechoslovakian by birth, Mr. Chromec came to Middlebury from Kenosha, Wis., High School. In college he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and played on the football team. He was a reporter, managing editor, and editor-in-chief for *The Campus*. He was also editor-in-chief of the *Kaleidoscope* his senior year, and for three years was editor of the Student Handbook. He was elected to Phi Pi Epsilon, the honorary journalism fraternity, and Sages, the junior honorary society. He was also active in Wig and Pen. After employment with F.W. Woolworth Co. in Boston and a boys' school in Connecticut, Mr. Chromec moved to Springfield in 1936. After managing the Wellwood Furniture Company from 1936 to 1943, he opened his own furniture and appliance store, which he owned and operated for more than 20 years. He was a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge 41 F&AM in Springfield, the Mount Sinai Masonic Temple in Montpelier, and the Springfield American Legion. He was also a member of Springfield's First Congregational Church. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Ada Winchester Chromec '26; a son, F. Winchester Chromec '69 of Honolulu, Hawaii; a daughter, Lila Hemlin of Madison, Wis.; three sisters, Dorothy Molnar of Livonia, Mich.; Mildred Hujie and Anne Heinrich, both of Kenosha, Wis.; and four grandchildren. Other alumni survivors include his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Campbell Chromec '69, and his sister-in-law, Lila Winchester Doe '22.

30 **William E. Henderson**, 81, of Islip, N.Y., on May 9, 1987, of cancer. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Henderson came to Middlebury from Manual Training High School. After his freshman year, Mr. Henderson transferred to Columbia University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees, the latter in English literature in 1932. An employee of the Lawyers Mortgage Corporation from 1924 to 1943, Mr. Henderson served in World War II as a statistician in the Army Medical Corps, stationed in Europe and Africa. After a career in real estate appraisal, he retired in 1968 as senior appraiser with the Dime Savings Bank of New York. He is survived by his wife, Ethel.

32 **Anna Evelyn Omwake Ferguson**, 77, of West Palm Beach, Fla., on May 5, 1987. At Middlebury, she was a member of Pit Beta Phi, active in dramatic and Spanish clubs, and class sports. After graduation she taught mathematics, algebra, biology, and business math in Lewes, Delaware. She also coached basketball and soccer teams to state records. After graduate study at Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., she served as a social worker in Washington, D.C., for eight years. In 1936 she married Ben S. Ferguson. The Class of '32 sends sincere sympathy to her son, John H. Ferguson of Lexington, N.C., and daughter, Mrs. James (Annette) Shirley of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; two sisters, and two grandchildren.
—*by Gray and Georgianna Hullett Taylor '32*

32 **Jean Foster Sutherland**, 78, of Silver Spring, Md., on April 4, 1986. A native of Bernardston, Mass., she graduated from Northfield Seminary and attended Denison University, transferring in her junior year to Middlebury where she was a member of Sigma Kappa. During the Great Depression, she was the governess in the family of a prominent publisher. For five years during World War II, she worked as a mathematical engineer in the manufacturing industry. In June 1945, she married Capt. John D. Sutherland and began a 28-year career as an army wife. She was active in volunteer work, making homes in Kentucky, Germany, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Her sister, Marguerite Foster Morton '33, died in 1945. The Class of '32 sends sincere sympathy to her husband, now Col. Sutherland of Silver Spring, Md.
—*by Gray and Georgiana Hullett Taylor '32*

35 **Joseph Hollister Jackson**, 74, of Niantic, Conn., on May 26, 1987. He prepared for Middlebury at Springfield (Vt.) High School. At Middlebury he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Manager of the freshman football team, he was active in the Mountain Club, participated in winter sports as a ski jumper and cross-country skier, was class secretary his junior year, was photography editor of the 1935 *Kaleidoscope*, attained dean's list all four years, was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Joe was a true scholar, majoring in philosophy and American literature. As a student he was the fulfillment of the hopes and expectations of his mentors, "Doc" Cook '24 and "Gramp" Harrington '91. After graduation he had a Middlebury traveling fellowship at the University of Cambridge, England. This was followed by study at Brown University, receiving an M.A. and a Ph.D. (1940). He also met Jane Flannery, his wife, who died in 1984. In his report for our 50th Reunion he stated: "I have been a cross-disciplinary jack-of-all-trades since 1935, seeking norms in such varied settings as teaching, market research, labor relations, industrial training, editing, and writing." In the

'50s he was managing editor of the Ronald Press. He became the managing editor of *Investigating the Earth* for Houghton Mifflin Company. Later he served as editor of *Encyclopedia Americana* and was a contributing editor of *Readers' Digest Almanac*. He was a lecturer at the New School for Social Research and most recently was an associate professor at the Avery Point Branch of the University of Connecticut. Among his books are *Pictorial Guide to the Planet, Investigating Behavior, Infant Culture* (with his wife), *Measurement of Ethical Values, Journal of Perceptional and Motor Skills, Space Ship Earth,* and *Earth Sciences*. While living in New York, Dr. Jackson was active in civil liberty and civil rights issues, and had been supportive of the Nuclear Arms Freeze Movement. In New York, he was active in the Community Church in Manhattan. The Class of 1935 extends its deepest sympathy to his son, Thomas A. Jackson of San Francisco, a brother, Dr. Robert N. Jackson of Chester, Vt., and two sisters, Alice H. Jackson of Windsor, Vt., and Hope Lund of Lyndonville, Vt.
—by W. Wyman Smith '35

35 **Robert C. Mildram**, 73, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., on June 15, 1987. Dr. Mildram was born and raised in Burlington, Vt. After his freshman year at Middlebury, he transferred to the University of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1935. He later earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. His graduate studies were completed at Yale University, where he earned an M.A. in religious education and a Ph.D. in religion. Dr. Mildram went on to teach at Rutgers University, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Defiance College, and Tennessee Technological University. During a 16-year tenure at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Mildram served as dean of students, professor of philosophy and religion, and department chairman. In 1968 he was a Ford Foundation Fellow at Duke University and the University of North Carolina, and in 1969 he received a Fellowship for Faculty Development in Indian Studies at Syracuse University. In 1974 he received the Teacher of the Year Award from the UT Alumni Association and the next year he was named the Alumni Distinguished Service Professor. Upon retirement in 1980, he pursued an active role as a volunteer in many civic and cultural organizations. Dr. Mildram is survived by his wife, Amy Salisbury Mildram; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Martha Anne) Kimball of Columbia, S.C., and Judith Lynn Mildram of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; and a son, Philip D., also of Signal Mountain.

36 **John Holmes**, 72, at his home in Middlebury on July 31, 1987, of cancer. From 1942 to 1946 he was with the FBI in counter-intelligence. He was later with the U.S. Department of State, involved with foreign aid programs in Germany, Japan, and Thailand, and went on to become chief executive officer of the Agency for International Development in Korea and, in Washington, he was director of the Office of Management for the Vietnam Bureau of International Development. He returned to Vermont in 1968 to become the executive secretary of the Vermont Bar Association. In 1974 he became the Vermont District Representative for Senator Robert Stafford '35. He retired from this post in 1981. John's wife, Altha, died in 1980. His son, David '64 and wife Antonia live in Charlotte, Vt.; David is in administration and teaches English at UVM. John's daughter, Carol '67 and her husband, Jim Shattuck '62, have lived in Indonesia and Saudi Arabia, where he has worked with Mobil Oil. There are two grandchildren in each of these families. He is also survived by his sister, Marion '32, who cared for him during his final weeks at home. John, who majored in physics at Middlebury, captained the 1936 ski team, supported by classmates Ralph Meacham and Dick Hubbard with whom he once jumped, in tandem, holding hands until airborne, down the slope. For 50 years he played excellent golf and tennis. He was business manager of *The Campus*, was elected to Blue Key, and always shared his equanimity, dependability, and great good humor. He belonged to the Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary Club and supported his church in Charlotte, recently chairing the fund-raising committee for extensive repairs. His classmates will remember the 50th Reunion which he so successfully and happily co-chaired with Mary Jane Philpott '36. He concealed his illness at that time and never complained during his difficult last year.
—by Angus Brooks '36

37 **Edwin A. Vassar**, 71, of Venice, Fla., on August 19, 1987. Mr. Vassar, usually known as "Ed," prepared for Middlebury at Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts. Although he left college late in 1936 to help his family rehabilitate a paper mill in Putney, Vt., Ed remained a respected member of the Class of '37. He continued his involvement in paper manufacturing until his retirement in 1976 as vice president of Fox River Paper Company in Appleton, Wis. From 1943 to 1946, Ed was a lieutenant with the U.S. Army. At Middlebury he was active in freshman and intramural sports and a member of Chi Psi fraternity and the Liberal Club. Both he and his wife were active in alumni affairs, never missing a reunion except the last one when he was confined with leukemia. He was a member of the Venice United Church of Christ and program chairman of the Jacaranda Men's Club. Living on a golf course in Venice, he played golf as long as he could. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jean Porter Vassar '37; a daughter, Judith Rae of Lexington, S.C.; a brother, Walter of Gill, Mass.; and two grandchildren.
—by Fred Smith '37

38 **Edward C. Hallock**, 70, of Summit, N.J., on April 22, 1987, in Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital. Ed came to Middlebury from Kimball-Union Academy (N.H.) and was a member of KDR. At Middlebury he majored in economics and was active in Mountain Club, a member of Blue Key, and business manager of *The Campus* and *Saxonian*. During World War II he attained the rank of major in the Army Air Force and was awarded the Silver Star for navigating his B-17 on continuous flights for three days to fly wounded troops to Hawaii following the Battle of Midway. In 1948 he founded Construction Specialities in Cranford, N.J., where he developed an extruded aluminum louver for air control in buildings. He retired as chairman of the firm in 1981. He served as a trustee of Overlook Hospital, Cranford, N.J., and Kimball-Union Academy, Meriden, N.H. The class extends its deepest sympathy to his son, J. Bradford; daughter, Mrs. Ellen Geortner; brother, William '41; and one grandchild.
—by Nelson Camp '38

41 **Robert Grout Gale**, 67, of Littleton, N.H., on August 5, 1987, of natural causes. Bob prepared for college at Stowe High School. A member of Delta Upsilon, he majored in chemistry and lettered in cross country, football, track, and winter sports, of which he was captain his senior year. Following graduation he entered the University of Rochester Medical School from which he received his M.D. degree in 1944, while a Pfc. in the U.S. Army. Commissioned a lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve, he served as a captain on active duty during the Korean conflict. Dr. Gale did his internship and residency at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y. He worked in public health research at Vanderbilt University, was a staff member of the Fitch Clinic in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and had resided since 1952 in Littleton where he specialized in internal medicine. He was former chief of medicine at Littleton Hospital while in solo practice in Littleton. An avid outdoorsman, from 1975 to 1985 Bob was a New Hampshire Fish and Game Commissioner. At our 45th Reunion last year, Bob participated with his customary happy enthusiasm. We extend our profound sympathies to his wife, Caroline Blackwell Gale, whom he married on December 21, 1946; two sons, David G. Gale of Clearwater, Fla., and Richard B. Gale of Littleton; two daughters, Margaret E. Gale of Bethlehem, N.H., and Cynthia L. Gale of Lisbon, N.H.; five grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard H. Gale of Avon, Conn., and John S. Gale '43 of Gloucester, Mass.
—by Lester W. Ingalls '41

42 **Frederick Reed Bates**, 67, of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., on May 18, 1987, at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, of cardiac arrest while undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. Mr. Bates prepared for Middlebury at Kimball-Union Academy. In college he majored in political science, played on the ice hockey team, and was a member of the Mountain Club and Delta Upsilon fraternity. During World War II, Mr. Bates served in the Army Air Corps. He was discharged as a first lieutenant, having been stationed in the Mariana Islands where he met his future wife, Florence Miller, who was there with the Red Cross. After earning an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1948, Mr. Bates pursued a career in sales and marketing. He became general sales manager of Oxford Paper Co. of Rumford, Maine, in 1966. In recent years, he was a management consultant. Mr. Bates was predeceased by his wife. Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Geissler.

46 **Suzanne Staub Dixey**, 62, a 40-year resident of Marblehead, Mass., on July 5, 1987, of multiple sclerosis. Mrs. Dixey came to Middlebury from Newton, Mass., High School. A chemistry major, she was active in the Mountain Club, German Club, Tone, Women's Forum, and the Alchemists' Club. After graduation she worked for the United Shoe Machinery Corp. as a research chemist. In 1949 she married Herbert Dixey. Mrs. Dixey was a member of the Old North Congregational Church Choir for many years. She was also a member of the Marblehead String Group and the National Audubon Society. She led many bird watching trips. Mrs. Dixey's husband predeceased her. She is survived by two sons, David of Ossippee, N.H., and Douglas of Marblehead; a sister, Sally Staub Haering of Wellesley, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

47 **Dorothy De Canizares Heinrichs**, 61, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., on August 15, 1987. A native of Philadelphia, "Pinky" came to Middlebury from the Baldwin School. In college she was a Spanish major and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She was active in Mountain Club, Womens' Forum, S.A.A., and Tone. Mrs. Heinrichs graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. After college she married Charles Heinrichs, a 1950 graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They were co-owners of R.H. Johnson Construction Company in Wayne, Pa. Mr. Heinrichs passed

away in the spring of 1987. They raised four children, who survive: Sherry Chester, John, Jay '77 and Charles. Mrs. Heinrichs also leaves six grandchildren.

50 **Charles R. Morris**, 63, of Woodbridge, Va., on July 7, 1987. Chuck came to Middlebury after serving in the Army in World War II. He was a manager of the original snack bar behind Mead Chapel, ran on the track team, and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He is survived by his two daughters, Linda James of Livermore, Calif., and Carey McManmon of Woodbridge; their mother, Mrs. J.S. Braddock (nee Jacque Snyder '50) of Alexandria, Va.; his mother, Thelma Morris of Sandy Springs, Md.; and two sisters, Mary Hall of McLean, Va., and Janice Harsanyi of Tallahassee, Fla. Long associated with American Medical Laboratories of Fairfax, Va., Chuck willed his eyes that others might benefit.
—by J. Edmund Sullivan, Jr. '49

52 **Barrie Storrs**, 56, of Mountain Lakes, N.J., on August 14, 1987. Barrie graduated in 1948 from Thayer Academy in Braintree where he was a pitcher on their 1947 undefeated baseball team and captain of the football team. An economics major at Middlebury, he pitched on the baseball team and was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army, discharged as a captain in 1955. He earned an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in 1957. He became vice president of manufacturing for the Coty division of Pfizer, Inc., served as vice president of international manufacturing for the consumer products division of Pfizer, and was then a consultant to various businesses. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Dawson Storrs '54; two sons, David '81 of Boston, and Kenneth of Denver; two daughters, Daryl '79 of Burlington, Vt., and Jennifer of Mountain Lakes, N.J.; his mother, Mildred Storrs of Cummaquid, Mass.; a brother, Mansur Storrs of Hingham, Mass.; and a sister, Brenda Hayes of Princeton, N.J.—*by Al Mutti '52*

60 **Elizabeth Crawford Gilwee**, 49, of Perrysburg, Ohio, on May 27, 1987. "Betsy" Gilwee graduated from Brighton High School of Rochester, N.Y. A Russian major, she was a junior counselor and a member of the ski team at Middlebury. She married John Gilwee '60 one year out of college and taught Russian and social studies in Tarrytown, N.Y. In 1967, they moved on to Richmond, Va., where she was a volunteer with the Girl Scouts and president of the Richmond Area Democratic Women's Club. She also took up golf and tennis. After three years in Dallas, Texas, where she taught English as a second language to Russian immigrants as a volunteer, the Gilwees built a home and settled outside of Toledo, Ohio. An active and devoted volunteer for the College, Betsy Gilwee was alumni trustee from 1982 to 1986, admissions representative, class agent, and class secretary. "Betsy was an attractive, intelligent, warm human being with a delightful sense of humor, great dignity, and integrity," Elizabeth Kelly, former dean of women, said recently. "She and her husband John were a great team, each one proud of the other's accomplishments. The courage they both shared in the last months of Betsy's life was admirable." The College sends its sympathy to John Gilwee and to Betsy's many friends.

63 **William Louise Brian III**, 45, of Flagstaff, Ariz., on June 25, 1987. Bill prepared for Middlebury at Governor Dummer Academy. At Middlebury, he was a member of Chi Psi which he served as treasurer. He was also a popular goalkeeper on the high-flying hockey team. Majoring in economics, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry at graduation. He became a helicopter pilot and was sent to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. He received many combat decorations, including the Purple Heart for a mission on which he was wounded on November 22, 1965. After a two-year stint in marketing and sales with Shell Oil in Los Angeles, Bill joined Telecredit, Inc., in 1969 (also in L.A.) where he became board chairman and CEO. He retired in 1984. Bill married Del-Sharon Kinchloe in 1973. Upon retirement, they moved to Sedona, Ariz., where they became very involved in studying and working with the Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni Indian tribes. They were major collectors of Western and Indian art. Bill was active in the Sedona community as treasurer of the Search and Rescue Squad, spearheading many fund-raising projects for the Indian tribes. They had moved to Flagstaff and built a new log home just prior to his death. He died attempting to rescue his dog from his burning home. The Class of '63 extends its deepest heartfelt sympathy to his wife; his parents, Harriet and William L. Brian, Jr., of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a sister, Barbara B. Anderson of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a brother, Richard B. Brian of Los Angeles.
—by Craig Stewart '63

64 **Marion Ransom Meade**, 44, of Freehold, N.J., on January 15, 1987. A political science major at Middlebury, she belonged to Theta Chi Omega sorority and was active in the Women's Forum, Young Republicans, and campus publications. She was married to David P. Meade in 1967. Receiving a master's degree from Rutgers University in 1971, she was a teacher at Neptune (N.J.) High School for the past 15 years. Mrs. Meade was nominated for Teacher of the Year in New Jersey in 1977. The 1987 Neptune High School yearbook was dedicated to her memory. Mrs. Meade is survived by her parents, Lorraine and Anson V. Ransom '33 of Eatontown, N.J.; five brothers, Willard of Waldorf, Md., David of Eatontown, N.J., Dwight of Wayside, N.J., Bruce of Roanoke, Va., and Roland of Bridgeport, W.V.; and a sister, Sharon G. Ehle of Monroe, Conn.

67 **Jessica Chase Taylor**, 41, of Silver Spring, Md., on April 3, 1987. She came to the College from the Holton-Arms School. After graduation from Middlebury, she spent a year at the Sorbonne in Paris where she met David Taylor, whom she married in 1970. Jessica was a librarian at the University of Texas in Austin and at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. In 1972 she and her husband moved to Germany, where Jessica worked for German publishing companies, first in Stuttgart, then in Berlin. In 1975 they moved to Washington, D.C., where she trained as an editor/indexer at the National Geographic Society. After the birth of daughter Justine in 1978, she started her own indexing and editing business; she also worked for the Library of Congress and the *Congressional Quarterly*. She continued her work during another stay in Germany from 1981 to 1983. Though Jessica was first diagnosed with cancer in 1979, she continued a very active life and pursued many medical alternatives. She long outlived all the doctors' predictions and enthusiastically followed her interests in humanistic psychology and Rudolf Steiner education. Jessica is survived by her husband and daughter, to whom the Class of '67 extends its sympathy.
—by Deven Hayford Hearne '67

71 **Frederick L. Corliss**, 38, of Abington, Mass., on July 25, 1987, following a long illness. Mr. Corliss was born in Brockton, Mass., and came to Middlebury from Abington High School, where he had been class president. He was employed for a few years at the Bank of Boston. Most recently he was a self-employed landscaper. He is survived by his mother, Helen Corliss of Abington; four brothers, Albert H. of Boston, Joseph J. of Maryland, Leonard M. of Eastham, Mass., and John L. Jr. of Stoughton, Mass.; and by several nieces and nephews.

78 **Gregg R. Wadleigh**, 31, of Belmont, Mass., on May 9, 1987. Gregg graduated from Belmont High School in 1974. A dean's list student at Middlebury, he majored in art, was photography editor of *The Campus*, and served on the boards of the Friends of Art and the Acquisitions Committee. Gregg was a founding partner and principal broker at Classic Realty, Inc., of Belmont, a member of the St. Botolph Club of Boston, and a member of the Friends of the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University. Gregg was also a talented amateur photographer whose work appeared in *The Boston Sunday Globe* and several horticultural publications. The Class of '78 extends its deepest sympathy to his parents, Kenneth R. and Jeanne Wadleigh of Swansea, Mass.; a sister, Karen W. Pelland of Springfield, Mass.; and his fiancee, R. Lee Wile Frazier, of Cambridge, Mass., and her son, Nathan.
—by Lucy Newell Hancock '78

Faculty **Henry Ward Bedford**, 81, of Sun City, Ariz. (formerly of Cornwall, Vt.), on August 5, 1987, of cancer. Joining the music faculty in 1936, he assumed the department chairmanship in 1941. A graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., and Westminster Choir College of Princeton, N.J., Mr. Bedford received his M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and an honorary degree from the University of Vermont. He served in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1959 to 1966, and for ten years in the Senate, where he was chairman of the finance committee. A member of the National Ayshire Association, he operated a dairy farm from 1939 until the late 1970s. Mr. Bedford served as chairman of the board and acting president for Vermont State Colleges from 1961-65. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise (Molly) Bates Bedford; two sons, H. Ward (Ted) and Crayton; six grandchildren; three sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

BEQUESTS

By will to the College on the Hill....

Estate of James Cardell '18 $7,117.83 as an addition to the Class of 1918 Scholarship Fund.

Estate of Joan Valery Ingalls '44 $2,500.00 for the Memorial Book Fund for book acquisitions for the Abernethy Room in Starr Library.

Estate of Letitia S. Pound $1,190,093.00 as an addition to the Ernest Simons Memorial Scholarship Fund bringing the bequest to $1,247,988.27.

Estate of Leonard D. Riccio '29 $31,617.38 to establish the Leonard D. Riccio '29 Memorial Scholarship Fund.

FAMILIES

MARRIAGES

Jill L. Matsumoto and **Stephen Limon** '68, August 3, 1986; 14 Rose Ave., Marblehead, MA 01945.

Lesley Cadman '73 and Jim Catalano, August 1, 1987; Westlin Lane, Cornwall, NY 12518.

Laura Caruso '78 and Larry Joe Burleson, July 18, 1987; P.O. Box 24, Boulder, CO 80306.

M.J. Wagner '80 and Tom Dedon, September 6, 1986; 3600 NE 73 Pl., #6, Seattle, WA 98115.

Christine A. Pauletica (University of the Pacific '82) and **Robert E. Higgins** '81, September 27, 1986.

Kristine Barnes '82 and **Andy Kirkaldy** '75, June 1987.

Nancy Murphy and **Tom Wilson** '82, October 11, 1986; 54 Foxbridge Village, Branford, CT 06405.

Beth Charlton '83 and Randolph Roy, May 30, 1987; 80 Lewis Road, Belmont, MA 02178.

Kimberly Schlegel and **William Boscow**, both '84, November 15, 1986; 29 Village Rock Lane, #5, Natick, MA 01760.

Sue Marvin and **Eric Helsley** '85, August 9, 1986; 12409 Danby Road, Pineville, NC 28134.

Maura Toole '85 and **Joe Weis** '82, June 13, 1987; 765 College Ave., #206, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

Macon Morehouse '86 and Stephen Aubrey Gasque, June 20, 1987; 10306 Parkwood Drive, Kensington, MD 20895.

Diane Findrest and **Dan Curtis** '87, May 31, 1987; 3340 Patricia Lane, Park City, IL 60085.

THE SCHOOLS

Dona J. Frauenhofer (M.A., School in Italy, '83) and Brian M. Killiany, June 6, 1987.

NEW ARRIVALS

A daughter, Estelle, joined Claire and **Rick Ayer** '60 on January 16, 1987.

A son, Michael Pino Darling, joined Linda and **Steve Darling** '68 on May 22, 1987.

A daughter, Clare Sage, joined Susan and **Kurt Heinzelman** '69 on December 9, 1985.

A daughter, Caroline Murray Gambell, joined **Martha Murray** and **John Gambell**, both '71, in August 1985.

A daughter, Amy, joined Kathy and **Tom Tobin** '71 in November 1986.

A daughter, Kelly McNeill, joined Boucie and **Sals Adams** '72 on April 27, 1987.

A daughter, Elizabeth Walton, joined Ron and **Linda Callahan Henry** '72 on June 7, 1987.

A daughter, Grace Katherine, joined **Jack** and **Dede Ritchie Montgomery**, both '72, on May 8, 1987.

A daughter, Katharine Julia, joined Paula and **Donald Reutershan** '72 on March 6, 1987.

A son, Robert Peter, joined Bob and **Sally Sweetser Theis** '72 on June 27, 2987.

A son, Charles Lee III, joined Leslie and **Charles Cavness** '73 on June 12, 1987.

A daughter, Sara Anne, joined **Scott** and **Marilyn Clements Helmers**, both '73, on July 29, 1987.

A daughter, Alexandra Marjorie, joined Timothy and **Elaine Bishop Politis** '73 on May 1, 1987.

A son, Miles Hart Warner, joined **Peggy Hart** '74 and Richard Warner on April 27, 1987.

A son, Jacob Alexander Levy-Pollans, joined Susan Pollans and **Alan J. Levy** '74 on February 18, 1987.

A son, Michael Heun Davidson, joined **Elizabeth M. Heun** and **David Davidson**, both '75, on April 1, 1987.

A daughter, Linsay Ellen, joined George and **Caroline Sneath McBride** '75 on February 13, 1987.

A son, Paul Arthur, joined **Stan** '76 and **Jane Schwarzer Fields** '77 on July 8, 1987.

A son, Kyle Edward, joined **Don** '76 and **Dede Dinse Johnston** '80 on August 1, 1987.

A daughter, Kary Travell, joined Annie and **Steve Rodgers** '76 on December 14, 1986.

A boy, Benjamin Brownell Arant, joined Christopher and **Martha Brownell Arant** '77, on March 12, 1987.

A daughter, Elizabeth Deborah, joined Alexandra and **Jonathon King** '77 on February 26, 1987.

A daughter, Elana Kristen, joined Roger and **Mary McGowan Kobak** '77 on June 22, 1987.

A son, Andrew Bell, joined Lee and **Katherine Bell Krystinik** '77 on October 7, 1986.

A son, Tyler Winters Murphy, joined Chris and **Heidi Winters Murphy** '77 on June 19, 1987.

A daughter, Elizabeth, joined Ralph and **Carol Smith Graves** '78, on June 24, 1987.

A son, Davis James Devine Schirmer, joined **Suzie Devine** '79 (M.A. French '84) and Andy Schirmer on February 2, 1987.

A son, Sanderson Walker, joined Tom and **Julie Stabler Hull** '80 on May 29, 1987.

A son, Matthew Shaw Virtue, joined **James** and **Danielle Shaw Virtue**, both '82, on July 12, 1987.

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A daughter, Alyssa Marie, joined Dan and **Christine Aamodt Larkin** (M.A. German '78) on June 16, 1987.

A son, Daniel Hugh, joined **Mary K. Kissane** (M.A. French '79) and John C. Schiller and their first son, Benjamin Richard, on May 26, 1987.

A leftover photo from Reunion '87: Peggy Evans, four-month-old daughter of Derek Evans '57, models reunion fashions at 30th-reunion picnic last May.

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THE SCHOOLS

Where do you send your notes?

Language Schools and Bread Loaf alumni should send alumni notes material to The Schools, Middlebury Magazine, Wilson House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, 05753

ENGLISH

Ralph Aldrich (M.A. '68), an assistant professor of English at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vt., has been selected to receive a Distinguished Service to the College Community Award. ...Artist and poet **Margaret Deal Wilson**'s (M.A. '37) latest book of poems includes some works penned while she was attending the Bread Loaf School of English. ...**Carol Compton** (M.A. '66) has been named an outstanding secondary educator by Clark University's Alumni Association. Carol chairs the English Department at Hudson High School where she has initiated many advance placement programs. She has also written two books on composition. ...Tilton High School teacher **Kendall Didsbury** (M.A. '82) has received the Jesse Murton and Irene Clark Durrell Chair of English Literature in recognition of superior teaching. Granted for a five-year term, the award is renewable and carries a stipend. ...The California Association of Teachers of English honored **John G. Cotter** (M.A. '49) with an award for distinguished service to the teaching profession. Four years ago he retired as an English teacher at Encina High School in California, but he continues to teach an evening course at Chabot College where he has taught for over twenty years. John is also active in several professional organizations. His wife, **Janet Cook Cotter** (M.A. '48), also attended the Bread Loaf School of English.

FRENCH

John Dello Russo (M.A. '76, '80) was ordained an Augustinian priest at Immaculate Conception Church where he had worked while in seminary. He has been assigned a parish ministry at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in Bronx, N.Y. ...An advocate for the elderly, **Robert Gallant** (M.A. '62), serves as executive director of Elder Services, Inc. He has also received local recognition for his baking skills, particularly baguettes, a recipe he discovered when he was a student in Paris. ...**Theodore Smith** (M.A. '60) was elected to an unprecedented 18th year as publicity chairman of the FS International/Intercultural Programs. ...Air Force Lt. Col. **Gerald T. O'Guin** (M.A. '74) serves as a training branch chief at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. ...As sales manager for Hotels Sofitel International, **Jeffrey P. Roberts** (M.A. '83) works both in the United States and abroad, primarily in France where Sofitel is one of the four major chain hotels. Jeffrey is also pursuing graduate studies at the University of Geneva toward his doctoral degree in French/Spanish. ...**Carl A. Picazio** (M.A. '69) and wife Kathleen are delighted over their acquisition of a vacation home in East Middlebury. He reports that he remains "au courant in French" and uses it frequently with clients and in court. Carl has a law practice in New Jersey. ...*Rendezvous with Murder on the Orient Express* was a production of The Company of Murder, an acting and production company which stages murder mystery weekends in the U.S., the Caribbean, Canada, the Orient, and Europe. This company was founded by **Gary Rundquist** (M.A. '70) who serves as its director. He is president and chief executive officer of InterContinental Travel Systems, which operates tours for special interest groups. Gary is also president of the Edvard Grieg Society, a musical organization formed to promote the works of Norway's beloved composer. ...**Judith M. Haas** (M.A. '73), financial planning specialist for Lowry Financial Services Corporation in North Palm Beach, Fla., has received the professional designation of Certified Financial Planner. ...A Quaker educator for 40 years, **Adelbert Mason** (M.A. '53) now serves as executive director of the national Friends Council on Education. ...In Norwalk, Conn., **Barbara Knox Nye** (M.A. '70) recently opened Slender You, Inc., a motorized calisthenics salon.

GERMAN

After 20 years, **Richard Kauffman** (M.A. '66) has retired as associate professor of German at Grove City (Pa.) College. His career also included a job with the U.S. Intelligence forces in Germany, a post with a manufacturer in Pittsburgh, and a high school teaching position in Warren, Pa., where he taught Spanish and German.

SPANISH

Brother **J. Gennaro Sullo** (M.A. '75) has been appointed assistant principal of the Sr. Campus of Bishop Hendericken High School in Warwick, Rhode Island. ...*Who's Who in America* has included **Gerald Lunderville** (M.A. '69) in its Western Region publication. An ESL (English as a second language) teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School (Long Beach, Calif.), Gerald is also pursuing a master's degree in Latin American history at California State University, Long Beach. ...**Donald Strange** (M.A. '67) has been appointed principal of Western Junior High School in Weston, Conn. ...The Pentagon has announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. **Fred A. Gorden** (M.A. '69) as commandant of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy (see page 20 of this magazine). ...Col. Harold Pearson, Retired, and wife Ruth, (both M.A. '67), spent the summer at their Middlebury home. They attended alumni activities and attended Spanish Language School movies, plays, and lectures. ...**Rita Goldberg** (M.A. '55) was a guest lecturer at Williams College. An authority on study abroad, she founded the St. Lawrence University Program Abroad in Spain and has served as its director for various terms. She is responsible for St. Lawrence's programs in Austria, France, and Spain. She is also a consultant on language texts and videos for Houghton Mifflin Company. ...The Ohio Foreign Language Association has named **Robert W. Hatton** (M.A. '59) "Outstanding College Teacher of the Year." ...**John C. Miller** (D.M.L. '70) has been named full professor and chairman of foreign languages at the University of Colorado. ...Army Reserve Col. **Walter Katuzny** (M.A. '70) has been named commander of the 4th Brigade, 78th Div. in Edison, N.J. ...After 19 years of service at Marshall University College of Business, **Joseph LaCascia** (M.A. '61) has retired as chairman and professor of economics. His academic career, which spans 26 years of teaching, includes two Fulbright lecturships, a book on capital information, and numerous articles and studies. He resides in his native state of Florida.

ITALIAN

Judith Rizzo (M.A. '69), a 16-year veteran of the Boston Public Schools, has been named principal of the Lincoln School. She has served as coordinator of Boston's bilingual program, senior administrative assistant to the department superintendent, and director of professional resource development for the Boston public schools.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Columbus College recently presented a lecture on the work of **Carole Oles**. Carole has been teaching at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference since 1981. ...Another member of the BLWC staff, **Linda Pastan**, gave a poetry reading at the State University College at Brockport as part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Brockport Writers' Forum. ...Novelist **Sharon Sheehe Stark** '82, '83, '84) led the 15th annual Writers' Workshop at Johnson State College this summer. She is on the faculty of the M.F.A. writing program at Vermont College and has been writer in-residence at Swarthmore College. ...**Cornelius Eady** ('80, '81, '86), author of two poetry books, participated in the Georgia Poetry Circuit's program at Mercer University and Fort Valley State College. His other posts have included teacher at the Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Va.) Visiting Writers' Series; lecturer at the George Mason University (Fairfax, Va.) Visiting Writers' Series; master poet at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville) Young Writers' Workshop; and writer-in residence at Sweet Briar College. ...O'Henry award winner **Jane Smiley** ('77) read from a work in progress, *The Turnpike*, when she visited the Erpf Catskill Cultural Center. Her latest novel, *Peace*, is scheduled for publication in April. Jane is an associate professor at Iowa State. ...The 20th book by **Jack Porter** ('75), entitled Conflict and Conflict Resolution, was published in June. President of The Spencer Group, a real estate development, consulting, and educational firm, he has also lectured widely and was recently a research fellow at Harvard University.

A 'real nice Yankee'

The South's Last Boys in Gray might never have been written had not Jay S. Hoar (M.A. '64) met James M. Lurvey in June 1949. At that time, there were only about ten people still living who had actually participated in the War Between The States, and Lurvey at 101-1/2 years of age was the last survivor of the Battle of Gettysburg. Hoar, who was 16 at the time, recalls that "this emotive experience...smoldered in me for twenty years."

A scrapbook which he began as a teenager grew into a sizeable collection of information about the lives of the vanishing veterans. Twenty-two years later—having acquired a B.A. from the University of Maine at Orono and his master's at Bread Loaf School of English—he began filling in the gaps to compile a collective biography on veterans of both the North and the South. His writing process "builds on a serendipitous salvaging of familial folkways or oral Americana already becoming rare or currently beyond the life-reach of most persons, as simply 'before our time.'" His other sources were newspapers, county or town histories, biographies, atlases, marriage and death certificates, state and national archives, diaries, and genealogical studies.

Finally, after another 16 years of work, *The South's Last Boys in Gray* emerged as the life stories of some 170 Confederate soldiers who lived past World War II. *The North's Last Boys in Blue* is scheduled for publication in spring 1988. Hoar is also preparing future publications, including *Black Glory*, a study of the last black veterans of the Civil War, and a larger "magnum opus," *Sunset and Dusk of the Blue and the Gray.*

Hoar is never reticent when it comes to memorializing his "titans of the Gray." "A humble glory followed their incredible lives," he intones. "Everything they did they did big." Details of service and subsequent exploits of the veterans abound. "As sunlight and dew have a way of causing peach orchards to flourish, so came plenteous honors to settle upon Daddy Bush," Hoar writes about William Jordan Bush (1845-1952). Bush's life story is interwoven with that of Fitzgerald, Ga., "itself one of the best things to emerge from the Civil War," a town "settled, just after hostilities, by several hundred 'real nice Yankees,' former federal soldiers" who stayed on after the war, naming half the streets for Confederate generals, half for Union. When the last Yankee veteran died in 1940, "Bush sent a wreath inscribed 'From The Last Of The Gray To the Last Of The Blue.'" When General Bush went to see *Gone With the Wind*, "he declared the Battle of Atlanta in the picture was just like it really happened." At nearly 107 years of age (in 1951) Bush flew to Jackson, Miss., for a United Confederate Veterans reunion with William D. Townsend (also 106).

"Not only was this the very last reunion of two Confederate veterans," writes Hoar, "but also it was the last known meeting of two Civil War men together."

Hoar was born and raised in Sandy River Plantation—but *this* plantation falls, in fact, on the 45th parallel (350 miles above the Mason-Dixon line, clear up in northwestern Maine). Why did a Downeaster spend years ferreting out hitherto unknown details on Confederate soldiers, becoming one of the few *northerners* considered for the Douglas Southall Freeman *Southern* Literary Award?

"Because what I've done had never been done by anyone else," Hoar asserts. "After thousands of Civil War books, no one ever did one about the lives of the last veterans. I just tried to do as thorough a job as I could in that field. I wanted to know about these men and their families, what their lives consisted of."

A genealogical treasure for those seeking family backgrounds, the book's 605 pages also contain 85 vintage photographs and numerous charts of little-known facts and figures. For example, Hoar points out that in May 1948, survivors of the two armies were even at 66 for each side. "Thereafter, the victory in numbers at long last swung to the Confederate veterans, who, once they had it, never lost it!" He lists the last surviving soldier for each state, the eldest veterans among the last, the last surviving soldiers who witnessed Lee's surrender and the stacking of arms, and a myriad of other facts.

The most important contribution Hoar makes in this book, however, is his very personal look at the lives of the last survivors themselves. People who might otherwise have been permanently hidden from the probing eye of history here receive the tribute of Hoar's painstaking research. "Rescuing that which is about to be consigned to oblivion," he points out, "confers a lasting satisfaction."

Hoar reminds his readers that he is not a historian, but rather a biographer. Like Ralph Waldo Emerson, he believes that "The best history is biography." A labor of love, Hoar's "epic prose elegy" attempts "to memorialize the men of the Southern armies," although not every reader will agree with Hoar that the "tragedy of the war is perennial—the ongoing subservience of states rights to the outrageous federal power abuse." He feels that "the real tragedy touching the life of every American today lies not so much with the North's having won as with the South's having lost."

Beyond the satisfactions of chronicling "the last living chapter of 'America's Saddest War,'" Hoar says the best rewards have been "the friends I have made." He has been warmly welcomed by southerners and has been presented with momentos once belonging to their grandfathers. "I have slept in the beds that the veterans once themselves slept in, and that is its own thrill. I have long lived on the heights of romance."

—Dotty Pistorius

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STUDENT TALK

Not just a school of writing.

The Bread Loaf School of English, says a new graduate, is much more than what you read in the catalog.

By Ike Coleman, MA '87

The day the Bread Loaf catalog came in the mail was probably a fairly typical day of teaching in my rural Virginia county. Chances are my students and I had to leave the class at least once because the stovepipe fell off the ancient oil burner, filling the classroom with smoke. Odds are pretty good that we had a faculty meeting that day. Perhaps the principal railed against girls who wore dresses above the knee. Or maybe he discussed, for probably the 50th time in my three years of teaching, the need for extreme neatness in the Teacher's Register, the record of student information and attendance where we marked in black ink the number of miles each student lived from school, to the nearest tenth, as well as the age *and* date of birth, *twice* each, for all students.

He didn't, however—I know this—mention the eighth grader who shot his head off that year. Perhaps I'm being too hard on the man. Violence, in one of the poorest counties in the state, was not unusual. And especially for an English teacher who read student journals regularly, rape, suicide, and murder punctuated every school year.

Nor did he propose any solutions—except *much* more of the same: workbooks and grammar drills—for the students at ninth grade who still couldn't read or write, in an area where many of the *literate* adults either shucked oysters for a living or collected welfare.

As I said, though, I don't remember that particular day. By then in my teaching the days were beginning to fade into one long nightmare.

But I *do* remember reading the Bread Loaf catalog for the first time. I opened the pamphlet randomly, with the disdain I treat junk mail, only to see Ken Macrorie listed as a professor. His name carried me back to my last semester in college, to the feeling of commitment I had just before I entered teaching, and to a book I had loved enough to reread several times since my first encounter with it in an education course—Ken's *Writing to Be Read*. That book not only taught me a great deal, but allowed me to feel a bond with the author, the kind of human connection that had led me into teaching and the humanities in the first place.

Though by my third year of teaching in that Virginia school I had begun to give up on education—and my students—investing less and less of myself each year, I applied to Bread Loaf, deciding to give the profession one last try.

From the beginning of my Bread Loaf career I saw the school in a glow, like a view of the Rocky Mountains for the first time, at sunset. And in my four summers—three in Vermont and one at Oxford—the glow never faded, though the colors often changed.

At first I was awed, meeting some of the best teachers in the country, as faculty and students. Though I had spent the last three years becoming accustomed to the compromise which too often pervades public schools, the quality of the people surrounding me in Vermont gave me the push to find the very best in myself: I couldn't have imagined giving Shirley Brice Heath, one of the world's leading scholars on language, a paper that was anything less than my utmost. As a result I often spent hours debating a single phrase in a piece, forgetting the mounds of reading and writing that awaited me.

I began to be a part of the community on the mountain. I think the pressure of the work contributed to the sense of togetherness: students and teachers wrote together, talked to each other about their writing, and constantly looked for people to serve as audience. Most obviously we formed bonds through editing: "I love the picture of your mother you drew in the first paragraph," someone might say in a class, at breakfast,

Alexander "Ike" Coleman received his M.A. from Bread Loaf in August—graduating third in his class of 46—and delivered the annual student address at dinner before the Commencement ceremony.

or over a beer, "but I don't understand your transition here."

More importantly, though, much of the work in literature, writing, and drama courses was deeply personal. I wrote one piece on the death of my father, an alcoholic who taught me a love for poetry. I had never before allowed myself to be so vulnerable in a classroom—and I had never felt closer to others in school, teachers and students, who wrote also about the traumas and the beauties of their lives.

And at some point that summer the Bread Loaf tradition of calling professors by their first names no longer seemed an artificial game; suddenly one night at the Chipman Inn as I talked to James Britton, one of the great British teachers of writing, I realized he made me feel perfectly comfortable calling him "Jimmy." I understood then the magic of the Bread Loaf community, and I continued to explore that magic for four summers.

We discovered that a community with no rigid hierarchy explodes the usual notion of what happens in the classroom. In such an environment, education is not one long, threatening test of individual ability, but is instead a world where students, as well as teachers, pool their resources—and everybody learns. In Tony Burgess'class on language and learning, for instance, we not only drew from Tony's vast knowledge, but we also shared Deane O'Dell's insights into the differing relations to language of Eskimo, Athabascan, and white children in her McGrath, Alaska classroom.

But let me emphasize: Bread Loaf is not just a school of writing. It has radically altered my view of teaching the classics, as well. In many other graduate schools, I see literature becoming more and more an esoteric study, separated from life, so that students analyze critical essays about critical essays about fictional representations of life as filtered through the mind of the professor. Not on the mountain. In Lucy Maddox's class on the Modern British novel, we watched the dynamics of a student-centered classroom, learning from a master how to nurture class discussion that would bring forth the wisdom gained from 20 lives, instead of one. We witnessed also the limitations of this approach: out of such a class, there is no short answer to the question, "What does *To the Lighthouse* mean?" But then there are no short answers to the real questions of life either.

And just as Bread Loaf showed us how to break down the walls between people, the boundaries between disciplines crumbled there also. In Steven Urkowitz' class on variant texts of Shakespeare's plays, after close analysis of the three *Hamlet*s, the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble performed all three versions of the scene with Ophelia's madness. Afterwards we—Steven and students—wrote about the connections between the episode and stories of our own lives.

At Bread Loaf we transform ourselves, and we work to transform our teaching. We've come to understand that there should be no separation between the discipline we teach and the way we approach that discipline: Shakespeare isn't sacred unless we can make his plays speak to the lives of the children we teach. And there can be no separation between ourselves and our students: we teachers must be *learners* also to stay alive, and to bring life to our students.

Paradoxically, the community and the connectedness of Bread Loaf make it so powerful an experience that many of us, I think, are tempted to let it be a place apart, a precious jewel separate from our everyday lives in schools off the mountain. In fact, every year when I return home, I try to avoid talking about Bread Loaf; I sound too much like a member of an obscure religious sect handing out flowers at an airport.

But whether or not we talk about the mountain, Dixie Goswami, coordinator of the writing program and mother of all Bread Loafers, wants us to take to our students what we learn there; she encourages us to formulate plans for our schools while we're still in the heady mountain atmosphere. Deane O'Dell, for example, took back to McGrath the idea to allow all her students to become authors and illustrators of children's books, to be shared with the school and the entire town. The following summer she brought those books to Oxford, inspiring other teachers in her class to initiate projects in their communities. Through people like Deane, Bread Loaf has brought a revolution in learning to students all over the country.

But changing ourselves sometimes isn't enough to bring change to our schools. I returned to Virginia after my second summer at Bread Loaf intoxicated with the excitement of the mountain and my plans for the year, only to find I had been assigned six classes, over 140 students, almost all of them with problems in reading and writing, not to mention the personal problems arising out of poverty. When I complained that the students would need more attention than I could give to that many, the principal said, "The kind of students you have don't need to do much writing."

I left my job at the end of that year. Had I not gone to Bread Loaf, I would have left education altogether, and I would never have looked back. Or perhaps I would have steeled myself to the continuing compromises that separated me from my students and isolated our classroom from real life.

I miss the kids from that Virginia classroom, but my experience is not lost. Now, as coordinator of a writing project sponsored by Bread Loaf and Clemson University, I can bring to schools in rural South Carolina the understanding I gained from five hellish years of teaching—and from four heavenly summers: I can help to create classroom communities where students and teachers touch each other and the world.

Is it the mountain air, or something else, that makes Bread Loaf such an intoxicating place?

Erik Borg

Beyond the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit

The changes in the Soviet Union, argues a Middlebury specialist, appear to be real—and therefore suggest possibilities for even greater change in U.S.-Soviet relations.
By Michael Kraus

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Western specialists on Russia are Brezhnev's last victim. His 18 years in power have made us think that no change was possible or likely. I know of no one in this small community who, even a year ago, could have predicted the reform package on the Soviet agenda today. To be sure, the implementation of Gorbachev's program faces a fierce political struggle that pits proponents of change against defenders of the status quo. It is a battle whose outcome may shape the Soviet course for the remainder of this century. What are the implications for the United States? A comparison with the Brezhnev-Nixon era suggests greater opportunities for a wide-ranging Soviet-American dialogue.

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When the first Nixon-Brezhnev summit took place in mid-1972, the Soviets were riding the crest of the most successful postwar decade of economic and political developments. Domestic stability and a relatively strong economic performance enabled Moscow to buy both "guns and butter." But in the latter part of Brezhnev's reign, adverse economic and social trends set in that today threaten Soviet systemic decline. That is why the Gorbachev leadership has embraced the course of radical economic reformwhich is predicated on the revamping of the price system and the dismantling of the centralized control of the economy. Gorbanomics calls for more competition, some private enterprise, especially in the service sector, prices set at least in part by the market, and bankruptcies for the inefficient.

In the early 1970s, the Brezhnev leadership looked to the West for a source of advanced technology that would obviate any domestic need for change, while maintaining the insularity of the Soviet economy from the world. But recent Soviet interest in world financial institutions such as Gatt and IMF, the advocacy of ruble convertibility, and invitations to Western firms to enter into joint ventures reflect the belated recognition that Soviet economy cannot avoid a measure of interdependence, but can benefit from competition with the West.

Abroad, but still close to home, the 1968 Brezhnev doctrine signalled Moscow's resolve to defend the postwar status quo in East Europe. But it proved of no use against the indigenous malaise that had turned East Europe into the debt-ridden region with stagnant economies, dispirited populations, restive youth, and aging leaders it is today. In the past year, Moscow has loosened its tight leash, prodding allies toward economic reforms, while tolerating the growing diversity within the bloc. Significantly, last August, the dissident veterans of Polish and Czech prisons affirmed that Gorbachev's policies create propitious conditions for self-emancipation. Further afield, Soviet Third World adventurism of the 1970s reflected Moscow's newly acquired global reach. It also contributed mightily to the collapse of detente. Soviet Third World specialists—though not the official spokesmen—now acknowledge that the gains of the 1970s proved illusory and costly in terms of Soviet prestige and resources: Vietnam and Cambodia face enormous problems, Ethiopia and Mozambique are threatened by a mass famine, and all, including Angola, fight a costly jungle war against opposition funded in no small measure from Washington. The most traumatic case in point is the eight-year war in Afghanistan, the "bleeding wound" in Gorbachev's formulation. In the past year, the war has finally reached Soviet

homes via the television and media coverage. As casualties mount, so do Soviet face-saving proposals to disengage.

The major postwar Soviet objective was fulfilled in 1972, when the SALT agreement codified the achievement of strategic parity with the United States. One lesson of the 1970s is that arms control agreements do not an enduring detente make. In contrast to the Brezhnev-Nixon era, when Moscow fiercely resisted any "linkage" between arms control and its conduct around the world, the Soviets have become receptive to American concerns about regional conflicts and human rights. Moreover, Moscow's "new thinking" on foreign and security issues has included authoritative pronouncements to the effect that security cannot be obtained by unilateral and military means alone, and that the United States has legitimate security concerns, which must be taken into account. Undoubtedly, the "new thinking" is rooted at least in part in the hard-hitting realities of the American rearmament and in the Western resistance to Soviet attempts to shift balance of power in Europe. But the "new thinking" has been accompanied by new doing as well. Moscow has come full circle on the INF, moved forward on verification, including on-site inspection, and, in an extraordinary breach of obsessive secrecy, let American Congressmen tour and photograph the controversial Krasnoyarsk radar installation.

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Relaxation of Soviet emigration policies appears to be in the making as well. But lest we forget: Brezhnev let tens of thousands go to the West, and simultaneously broke the back of the dissident movement at home. Thus the ultimate test of Soviet intentions is Moscow's attitude toward those who stay. Vladimir Bukovsky, a brave Soviet human rights activist, said recently in the West: "I used to be jailed for demanding *glasnost*...In some peculiar way they hijacked our program..." *Glasnost* has opened up the Pandora box on the long-suppressed issues of official corruption, drug addiction, Stalin's terror, Russian nationalism, and a host of others. Though not all is light in the Soviet Union today and an equally long list of closed subjects remains, hardly anyone expected Moscow to have come this far so fast. Andrei Sakharov's December 1986 return to work in Moscow brings the hope that Soviet leaders have come to understand the price of wasting the lives of their best and brightest.

Clearly, Gorbachev's platform will not satisfy those who demand he open the borders and establish democracy. But we should recall that neither Russia nor the Soviet Union has had any meaningful experience with democracy. Gorbachev's campaign for "democratization" and "socialist pluralism" seeks to reinvigorate the one-party system by accommodating, somehow, conflicting social (and political) interests that abound in Soviet society. Moscow's reformers propose greater involvement and participation of the citizenry, and greater accountability for public officials. Much like their Chinese counterparts today, however, Soviet reformers will eventually have to confront the question of how much power the party must give up to modernize the economy. This is a crucial issue, and one that is likely to divide the Soviet leadership. But even the limited "democratization" thus far has brought about a notable change in the Soviet outlook in the direction the West can applaud. Though the Soviet Union will continue to pose the greatest challenge to American security for decades to come, Gorbachev's foreign policies have opened up a new window of opportunity in the areas of arms control, regional conflict and human rights. Oddly, the window opens just as the credibility of our leadership at home and abroad has reached a new low and as we face another divisive election year. From the vantage point of Soviet-American competition, if there ever was a time to cast aside partisan politics, that time is now.

In my view, Soviet internal reform has long been a prerequisite for a fundamental change in the superpower relations. Historically, American ability to influence Soviet policies has been marginal. But in some periods, as in the post-Stalin 1950s, the opportunities have been greater than realized. Can President Reagan do better, and, in the words of Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, "bring the harvest home?"

The "new thinking" of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has opened a new window of opportunity for U.S.-Soviet relations. Oddly, the window has opened as the Reagan presidency draws to a close and a divisive election year approaches.

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AROUND THE HILL

Soviet undergrads at Middlebury?

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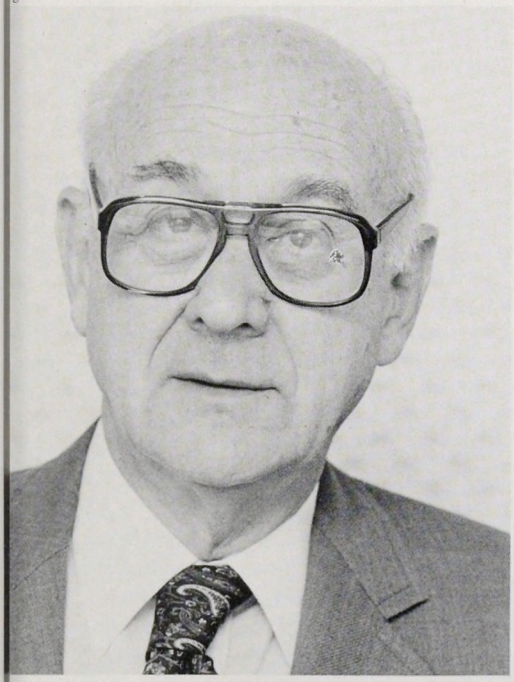
A close look at admissions and minority recruiting

Raymond Benson, former counselor for cultural exchanges at the U.S. embassy in Moscow, has joined the faculty as adjunct professor—and director of the American Collegiate Consortium for East-West Cultural and Academic Exchange (see page 28).



Trustees approve $28 million for arts complex and student center

After several years of planning—and a false step or two—the Middlebury College Board of Trustees at their October meeting authorized the largest construction program in the College's history. In what President Olin Robison is calling "one of the boldest and most visionary decisions made for the College in this century," the trustees approved major new construction for a performing arts complex and for a student center, as well as major renovations to six buildings, for a total projected cost of $28 million.

The centerpiece of the program will be a new 91,000-square-foot fine arts education and performance facility. The building will be located near the athletic fields, east of South Main St. (Route 30) between the Emma Willard House and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Two small student residences—Porter House and Hathaway House—will be moved from the site, and the road which provides access to the football and soccer fields will be redirected.

The new arts facility will include a concert hall, a studio theatre, art galleries, rehearsal facilities, and a new music library. Also in the building will be new rehearsal and performance space for the College's dance program, as well as office and instructional space for the music department.

Complementing the new arts center will be major renovations of the College's existing arts education and performance spaces in the Christian A. Johnson Art Building and the Wright Theatre. With the music department, music library, and the art gallery moving to the new facility, the Johnson Building will become the exclusive domain of the art department. The renovations will provide new studio space and classrooms. In Wright, the proscenium stage theatre and the teaching spaces and faculty offices will be renovated and new support facilities will be added.

The other major part of the new building program involves expanded student services. The 75-year-old McCullough Gymnasium, on the south side of the central campus, will become a student center. The old gym and new construction around it will house a large social space, a new snack bar, the chaplain's office, and a variety of special use areas. When combined with renovations to the first floor of Gifford Hall Annex (part of the student residence) and renovations and additions to the current student services space in Proctor Hall, the plan will provide for increased office space for student organizations, improved meeting space and lounge areas, an expanded College store, seminar space, a faculty lounge, and other facilities.

Finally, Hillcrest Hall, at the western approach to the campus, will be redesigned and renovated to provide faculty offices and new teaching space.

The College has retained the services of the New York City architectural firm of Hardy, Holzman and Pfeiffer to design the new construction and renovations, as well as to coordinate an overall plan for campus development. The firm was selected based on their outstanding work in the creation of arts centers throughout the country; their buildings have reputations for being both functionally superior and architecturally distinguished.

The decision to proceed with the building program follows several years of detailed examination of the requirements for the arts program at Middlebury. After extensive consultations with the faculty, the basic "program" for filling campus needs was developed by consultant Wendell C. Brase. Important support for this effort came from the Visiting Committee on the Arts, appointed in 1984 and composed of alumni and friends of the College with special interests and expertise in the arts.

The announcement also ends two years of discussions about where to locate the new

student center. Initially, plans focused on renovations to Proctor Hall, which would have included a new cafe pavilion addition and a new facade and porch for the building. Then for much of last year, the trustees were reported to be considering renovations which would put the large social space/cafe in the Social Dining Units, at the far north end of campus. Vocal student opposition argued that this would have put the student center too far out on one end of the campus to be an effective "center." The McCullough site compromise was seized upon by architect Malcolm Holzman, who had been originally hired to develop the arts building program, but who quickly impressed the trustees and administration—and, some might argue, saved the day.

In his announcement to the faculty, President Robison stated that "the Board's decision reflects a broad consensus within the larger community that these needs are urgent and that this particular set of options is logical and coherent. By this courageous and visionary act, we reaffirm our commitment to excellence and our willingness to support that claim by providing programs and facilities that are second to none."

With the long-awaited decision finally made, the College hopes to move quickly. Ground breaking for the new arts center is expected to take place late in the spring of 1988, and the bulk of program will be completed as early as 1990. Architect Holzman was said to be at work designing the new arts space on the Monday after the trustees' weekend decision.

That Monday, as it turns out, was the day of the 500-point stock market crash, and, yes, there were comments on campus about whether the trustees could have proceeded so confidently had their meeting taken place one week later. The market value of Middlebury's endowment lost approximately $30-million—the cost of the building program. And while it's still unclear what effect the stock market collapse will have on fund raising, the trustees' commitment stands.

Fund raising for the student center portion of the program was already under way as part of the $60-million Campaign for Middlebury, including a $500,000 commitment from the 25th reunion class of 1963. The success of the Campaign, which was almost two years ahead of schedule when the trustees made their decision, no doubt played a part in their boldness.

The bulk of the $28-million project is likely to be funded, however, by the first bond issue in the history of the College. Details on the bond issue weren't yet known.

Soviet undergrads without chaperones?

It never hurts to ask.

Last January, three American college presidents—David Fraser of Swarthmore College, Alice Ilchman of Sarah Lawrence College, and Middlebury's Olin Robison—met with Soviet education officials in Moscow to put out a feeler for a unique proposal. Would the Soviets be interested in allowing Soviet undergraduates to attend—without chaperones—selected liberal arts colleges in the United States?

As Robison told Middlebury's opening faculty meeting at Bread Loaf in September, "They didn't say no."

And so, says Robison, "Given the tolerance, indeed encouragement, of fresh initiatives in Moscow, we felt the time was right for us to make a specific proposal to the Soviets."

Also in attendance at the meeting between the college presidents and the Soviets was Raymond Benson, then counselor on cultural exchanges in the Moscow embassy. Benson helped negotiate the 1985 cultural exchange agreement signed by Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Schevardnadze in Geneva (it brought the Bolshoi to New York and sent Vladimir Horowitz to Moscow). He was also planning to retire in the summer, after a 30-year career in the State Department, where he attained the rank of career minister.

The career diplomat never really retired. When Benson left the State Department, Robison appointed him adjunct professor of Russian and Soviet Studies and set him up in an office at Middlebury—and serious negotiations began with the goal of bringing Soviet undergraduates to the U.S.

In October, representatives of 18 American liberal arts colleges met in Middlebury to form the American Collegiate Consortium for East-West Cultural and Academic Exchange, naming Benson as director. With membership now closed, the consortium includes Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Colgate, Connecticut, Hamilton, Mount Holyoke, Oberlin, Sarah Lawrence, St. Lawrence, Smith, Swarthmore, Trinity, Union, the University of Vermont, Vassar, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Williams colleges.

In December, Soviet education officials were scheduled to visit Middlebury. Meanwhile, negotiations are progressing on an agreement, which, it is hoped, Benson and Robison will carry to Moscow in January to be signed by Soviet counterparts. The agreement will designate 18 Soviet universities to which American students will be sent, and spell out in detail the terms under which the American and Soviet institutions will exchange students, beginning next fall.

When it is signed, the agreement will mark a major change in Soviet attitudes about contact between their young people and the West. While there are long-standing academic exchanges between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, those exchanges, on the Soviet side, have always been with adults. Middlebury, of course, already sends undergraduates to Moscow's Pushkin Institute. But exposing 19-year-old Soviets to American college life, without political chaperones, has been unthinkable.

Until now, that is.

Drug task force reports, "We're not immune"

When in February 1986 Middlebury Student John Zaccaro was arrested for allegedly selling cocaine to an undercover police woman, it was treated by many members of the Middlebury community as an isolated incident, says Karl Lindholm, associate dean of students and coordinator last year of a task force appointed by President Olin Robison to take a close look at drug use. In two years since, Lindholm continues, the College has made great strides in facing the problem of "institutional denial": "I no longer hear people saying that there's no drug problem at Middlebury."

As President Olin Robison told alumni at reunion last June after he had received the task force report, Middlebury is "not immune" from the drug and alcohol problems which afflict American society: "We're trying not to act like ostriches."

"Whether the reasons are cosmic and external to Middlebury or immediate and local to Middlebury," the report says, "students use drugs." The task force did not conduct a survey about drug use, but it accepted a recent survey at the University of Vermont as an indicator of drug use at Middlebury. Over 30 percent of 370 UVM students who returned surveys (out of a random sample of 767 students) said they used marijuana at least once a month, and 12 percent said they used cocaine that often. A key point in the UVM survey: 80 percent of drug users indicated they had started

In Brief

Sharon Harper '88

■ **Out of this world:** "It was a little like the scene in the movie *Witness*, where the Amish get together and, in one day, erect a barn," wrote Karen Benfield '88 in *The Campus*. Over 1,000 volunteers, including approximately 300 Middlebury students and many members of the College faculty and staff, turned out during the six September days it took to erect "Kidspace," a new super playground built at the town's Mary Hogan Elementary School. Designed by Architect Robert Leathers, who travels around the country building his special playgrounds, Kidspace was built entirely with volunteer labor, and the $40,000 bill was paid by private donations. Student volunteers included large numbers from the fraternities, as well as the freshman football team.

And then, of course, there was Benfield, who did a four-hour sanding shift and a lot of observing. She especially liked the nametags "with first names on them, so that, in the event of a falling hammer, someone could say, 'Hey Joe, move!'... [The nametags] enabled us to call Professor Dry 'Murray' and Professor Beyer 'Tom' without risking anything."

■ **Follow up on CIA recruiting:** Recruiters from the Central Intelligence Agency returned to campus this fall, and again were met by student protesters, who staged a peaceful and well-organized teach-in on the steps of Adirondack House, home of the career counseling and placement office.

Among other things, the students objected to the fact that the CIA representatives had refused to sign the standard CC&P form concerning non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, and sexual preference. The CIA admits that it discourages the applications of homosexuals.

In a related development, President Olin Robison—after consultationwith the College trustees—chose not to accept a proposal from the College's Community Council of faculty, staff, and students which would have required organizations that do not sign the non-discrimination form to conduct interviews off campus. Robison instead proposed a compromise. Organizations like the CIA are now required to hold an open meeting to discuss hiring practices each time they interview at Middlebury.

■ **A new name for student government, and new laundry facilities:** The Student Forum last May officially changed its name to the Student Government Association; the head of the student government will no longer be chairman, but president.

This year's Student Government President David Van Luven '88 has responded to a perennial student complaint, and he organized a petition drive to back up a student government push for additional laundry facilities. Just the drive began, word came from Dean of the College John Emerson that new washers and dryers will be installed in the basement between Milliken and Hadley dormitories, to supplement those in the basement of Forest dormitory.

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■ **Declassified professors:** Under pajamas, Professor of History Pardon Tillinghast responds: "I can't remember." His current reading: "Biographies of saints." Assistant Dean of Students Martha Mathis drives a Toyota Tercel, likes the cello and banjo, lists *The Deer Hunter* and *The Color Purple* as her favorite movies.

These facts, and many others, have become "declassified data" this fall in a weekly column in *The Campus*, modelled after a similar column in the Sunday *New York Times*. The year's first subject was President Olin Robison, who, it may interest you to know, likes London and San Francisco as vacation spots, counts three years at Oxford as his best memory, reads *The Economist*, and lists Peter O'Toole and Sally Field as his favorite actor and actress, with Archibald MacLeish as his personal hero.

■ **Soviets visit Bread Loaf:** A week-long meeting at Bread Loaf between the New England Society of Newspaper Editors and counterparts from the Soviet Union, postponed a year ago during the detainment of American journalist Nicholas Daniloff in Moscow, finally took place this fall. Middlebury students and faculty served as hosts and translators; events included a square dance in the Barn and dinner at the Blueberry Hill Inn. Among the drop-ins during the week was Daniloff.

■ **Musical notes:** Among the musical highlights of the fall season was a Concert Series performance in Mead Chapel by exiled South African Jazz Pianist Abdullah Ibrahim. He played two extended improvisations, each of them just under an hour long. Ibrahim, who was discovered by Duke Ellington in Zurich in 1962, combines traditional African rhythms and American be-bop, in a style that has been called "spiritual."

Other Concert Series performers this fall included Scottish Folk Singer Jean Redpath and Cellist Abby Newton, The Trinity College Chapel Choir of Cambridge University, and the National Theater of the Deaf in a performance of "The Dybbuk."

■ **He was a she:** The candidate listed as "Julian Foote" arrived at a September audition for the Dissipated-8 wearing a suit and tie. But Julian turned out to be Julia Foote '88, apparently the first woman ever to try out for the D-8.

She had failed in an attempt to win a berth on the Mischords, the all-woman a capella group. The D-8 decided—after much deliberation—to give her a shot and she sang with the group at call backs. But according to President Keith Pernell '89, her voice didn't have "that certain blend or sound which we want to have."

"I am a feminist and I believe in the feminist movement, but my motivation was purely personal," Foote told reporter Karen Benfield of *The Campus*. "I wanted to sing."

using drugs before they arrived at the university.

The major work of the task force, says the report, was to "educate itself," so that it could in turn educate the College community. The group, which included College Trustee Sister Elizabeth Candon (chair) and members of the faculty, administration, and staff, heard presentations by several specialists in the field of drug treatment, prevention, and intervention. Chuck King, director of EASE (a treatment program in Burlington for alcoholics and cocaine addicts), emphasized that "addictions flow from a very natural process of dependence"—and he called attention to polydrug use by students, including, especially, alcohol. Stuart Copans, director of the adolescent unit at the Brattleboro Retreat (a residential treatment center), suggested that addressing drug use will demand special efforts: "The normal caring behavior of an institution such as Middlebury," Copans said, "is *not* helpful when dealing with substance abuse."

In terms of drug use by Middlebury students, the most powerful presentation came from a recent Middlebury graduate, Nicholas Lieder '85. An honors student, a varsity football player, and a fraternity member, for four years Lieder was a cocaine addict and alcoholic. As he now remembers his time at Middlebury, "The sun was never shining. I never saw a blue sky."

To meet with the task force and President Robison, Lieder visited campus last year with his father after completing nine months of ongoing rehabilitation. In a 35-minute videotape, which has since been played for students and faculty, he told the story of his drug addiction at Middlebury.

A star high school athlete and scholar, Lieder was a drug user when he arrived at Middlebury. He quickly found that cocaine was "readily available" on campus, and gradually his use of the drug increased. He was constantly in debt, making up stories about minor car accidents to get money from his parents. As a junior, Lieder said, he was close to earning a starting position on the football team—until he snorted cocaine all night before a big scrimmage with Trinity. When he got out on the field, "I couldn't remember my plays."

In the spring of his senior year, some of his cocaine friends would no longer sell to to him—partly because he was in debt, partly because they seemed to recognize that his addiction had become too serious. Lieder finally told Gary Margolis of the counseling service about his problem. Margolis had Lieder tell his parents; they came to Vermont and gave him $6,000 to pay off drug debts. He never used cocaine again during his final weeks at Middlebury, but, Lieder says, "I was drunk every night."

His cocaine use began again when he returned home to California. It was another year before he once again admitted to his mother that he was using cocaine and started his rehabilitation program. As part of his therapy, Lieder has returned to campus twice to meet with students, faculty, and staff, and his recovery continues.

"The setting Nick Lieder encountered at Middlebury," says the task force report, "was one of benign ignorance." Friends knew he was in trouble but did not intervene; coaches and teachers "observed erratic behavior without inquiring or confronting." The report characterized this campus-wide inability to recognize and confront drug problems as "institutional denial," making an analogy to the denials of addicts who refuse to admit they have drug problems.

Lindholm points to response to the task force report as evidence that the College has made progress getting past the denial stage. In just a few months, most of the report's recommendations have received action.

The recommendations laid out a plan for ongoing community education about drug and alcohol abuse. Yonna McShane, a task force member and assistant director of the counseling service, will now spend half her time as coordinator of drug and alcohol programs.

At the start of the school year, McShane helped the dean of students office put together drug and alcohol presentations—including a viewing and discussion of the Lieder videotape—for junior counselors and house directors, and then for incoming freshmen on their first night at Middlebury. In the sessions with the JCs, McShane says, the focus was on "how to intervene with someone who may be in trouble"; she will have another day-long session with them during winter term.

McShane has also been distributing a lot of paper. All students, faculty, and staff received a specially prepared pamphlet outlining the College's drug and alcohol policies. Basically, the College wants to abide by the law—including the drinking age law—as well as help students who are in trouble. The College, Lindholm confirms, will pass on "good information" about campus drug dealers to the local state's attorney. Students who admit their own illegal drug use are referred to counseling; students caught using drugs will get a referral to counseling, but they will also face a hearing before the deans or a student judiciary board that could result in disciplinary action. The policies are straight-forward, but, McShane says, "these things were buried in the College handbook. The students need to have these things right in their hands. They particularly need to know things like what their liability is if they serve alcohol to someone underage."

Other materials discussing drug and alcohol abuse—over 2,000 individual pieces—have been distributed from literature racks at the health service. "They're not turning up in the trash," says McShane, who has looked. "The students are picking them up."

Regular open meetings to discuss drug and alcohol use have begun in the dormitories—and attendance has been strong. McShane will focus at first on the freshmen, because, "Freshmen are at special risk for alcohol and drug use." They have a lot of new adjustments to make. "Sometimes," says McShane, "they try to medicate those feelings."

Students seem to have an interest in discussing drug and alcohol issues. McShane is offering a winter term course on "Alcohol use and abuse in American Society," and 60 students expressed an interest in 25 spots). A volunteer Student Drug and Alcohol Information Service has formed to field student questions, on a confidential basis, and to organize educational activities about drug and alcohol use (see Letters, p. 3).

In general, the task force has encouraged a tougher campus response to drug and alcohol abuse. That does not mean the College will put undercover policemen in dormitories to seek out drug users. As President Robison has said, "We cannot return to the 1950s," when the lives of students were more strictly controlled.

"We don't keep a list of students that we think are using drugs and make sure that Security goes around to check on them," says Lindholm. But if he hears that a student may be in some trouble, he'll call the student to his office. "I'll say that your friends are concerned about you. If you get caught using drugs, this is our policy.

"We're not so reluctant to ask the straightforward question," Lindholm continues. "We're more willing to make evaluations of performance the basis for a referral to counseling." Drug and alcohol use by students was part of the discussion during the day-long faculty meeting at the opening of school; faculty have been encouraged to inquire after the reasons for erratic academic performance—"even if it's just missing a few classes."

Lindholm likes to tell people about what

he calls the "40th-person concept." Recovering alcoholics and drug users, he says, seldom remember a dramatic moment when they come face to face with their problems; it tends to be a long process. Even if you don't succeed when you try to help someone having difficulty, Lindholm says, you shouldn't feel that you've failed. It may take the efforts of 30 or 40 people before the addict admits to having a problem.

The new approach to the drug problem at Middlebury, it appears, is to create an environment for more interventions—both public and private. As the task force was told by Stuart Copans, there is a "difference between helpful confrontation and narc-ing." It's a difference, says the drug task force report, that the College—and individual members of the community—should aggressively explore.

Tibetans struggle under Chinese domination

Hundreds of Tibetans have been imprisoned and some have been executed as a result of the clashes between non-violent Tibetan protestors and Chinese troops this fall.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama on campus in 1984

After almost 40 years of Chinese occupation and imposed rule, says Associate Professor of Religion Don Lopez, Tibetans are still extremely nationalistic and devoted to the Dalai Lama, their exiled spiritual and temporal leader. Lopez, who spoke at a recent meeting of Middlebury's Amnesty International chapter, has made two trips to Tibet in the last two years. Support for the Dalai Lama, he says, was "expressed to me privately, in Tibetan. You wouldn't hear those things in public or in front of the Chinese."

The violent events this fall brought some international attention to the Tibet situation. While the Reagan administration continues to back the Chinese government for political and diplomatic reasons, Lopez notes, the U.S. Congress recently passed a resolution condemning the Chinese for human rights violations in Tibet. Similar pro-Tibetan support has been expressed by the British Parliament and the West German Bundestag.

China's interest in Tibet, according to Lopez, has to do mainly with the geopolitics of the region; Tibet provides a buffer zone on China's border. But the country is also valuable for its vast mineral, forest, and animal resources. "Tibet has become a colony of China, and the Chinese have adopted the colonial mentality," Lopez argues. "Tibetans are perceived as a national minority and there are no attempts to learn about their language and culture."

Having witnessed first hand "the disturbing racism that the Chinese feel toward Tibetans," Lopez points out that racism is not always based "on skin color." The Chinese have destroyed over 6,000 Buddhist monasteries, a few of which have been rebuilt as inauthentic tourist attractions. The Chinese government's efforts to "lure" Chinese settlers to Tibet with guaranteed employment, modern housing, and special bonus incentives have been so successful, Lopez notes, that ethnic Tibetans have become a minority in their own homeland. There are now 7.5 million Chinese and 6 million Tibetans in Tibet. The average annual per capita income of Tibetans is $110, two-thirds of what Chinese settlers earn.

Tourism, says Lopez, has also been used to provide income for the Chinese while it undermines Tibetan culture. A huge modern shopping plaza, Lopez notes, has been built around the central Buddhist temple in the capital city of Lhasa, a place to which Buddhists from Tibet, Nepal, and Northern India make regular pilgrimages.

A slow and painful assimilation of Tibet into Chinese culture may be inevitable, Lopez grants. But a five-point peace zone proposal advanced by Dalai Lama provides some hope, and the Tibetan leader's aid-seeking trips to the United States and other countries have drawn supporters to the Tibetan cause. "I'd like to see the establishment," Lopez says, "of some designated Buddhist area which, like the Vatican City, has some diplomatic autonomy."

In the meantime, however, the human rights violations reported in the Western press this fall apparently continue—even if the Western press can no longer report on them. In late October foreign correspondents and tourists were expelled, making it difficult for the outside world to know what is going on there. "It's a very bad sign," Lopez says. "And unfortunately there's no indication of when tourists and the press will be allowed back into the region."—LV

What students need to know about AIDS

He is tired of "talking about sex all the time," Barry Whitworth of the Vermont State Health Department told his audience of 25 students this fall. But so far, Whitworth said, all available evidence says that "you can't get AIDS from a toilet seat or a doorknob, or even from kissing someone who has it." After ten years of study, AIDS researchers are convinced that the virus which causes the disease can only be transmitted through sexual fluids and through blood. And so there are a limited number of activities which cause the spread of the disease, including intravenous needle sharing, blood transfusions—and sexual intercourse.

"I'm here to tell you how you can have safe sex and who it's safe to have sex with," Whitworth said, "without getting into any names or anything."

In Vermont, so far only 18 persons, all males, have been diagnosed as having full-blown AIDS cases. Eleven have died. With relatively small populations of the "high risk" AIDS groups such as homosexual men and intravenous drug users, Whitworth noted, Vermont has a "fairly unique opportunity" to try to control the spread of the virus. "Education," he said, "is the only way we have right now to fight the disease."

"The virus," Whitworth said, "can't tell the difference between a man and a woman or between a gay man and a straight man." Increasing numbers of American women are contracting the virus from male partners. Therefore, he stressed, it is important

for "everyone" to change behavior patterns.

One of the ways that people can change their behavior is to use condoms. Whitworth is a big proponent of condom use, because, he says, "They work."

Whitworth also addressed concerns of people who may worry that they have been exposed to the virus. The virus can produce in some people what is called Aids Related Complex, or ARC. They suffer from prolonged flu-like symptoms, such as night sweats, diarrhea, and weight loss. But these are vague symptoms and can also be caused by simple anxiety and depression, among other things. Just because you have a sleepless night, you shouldn't conclude that you are infected by the AIDS virus.

Whitworth also noted that you can have the virus and not have any symptoms at all. And even without symptoms, you can still pass the virus to someone else.

Taking the blood test for the AIDS-virus antibody is the only way to know whether you have been infected. Taking the test is a big psychological step, however, and the chance of false positives on the initial test is high, so there is, in a sense, a risk. Whitworth does not encourage people to take the test unless they have real reason to think they have been exposed to the AIDS virus.

The Parton Health Center and the counseling office brought Whitworth and his information session to the College as part of an ongoing AIDS education program. At the end of the presentation, Head Nurse Nancy Cutting announced that students could get the standard AIDS virus antibody test right on campus at the Health Center. The test results will be confidential, but, she added, anyone who felt uncomfortable about being tested on campus could visit State of Vermont clinics, where persons being tested are given code numbers and names are never used.

After Whitworth's talk, Cutting expressed some disappointment at the small audience. It is difficult to get people to go to AIDS lectures and information sessions, she suspects, because "people are afraid of what others will assume about them."

But Whitworth's talk was just a part of the AIDS education effort. In a campus-wide mailing at the beginning of the semester, students, faculty, and staff received a letter from Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott and Dean of the College John Emerson explaining the College's concern about the spread of AIDS and its willingness to support and help anyone on campus who has contracted the AIDS virus. The mailing included a brochure on AIDS prepared by the American College Health Assocation.

The Health Center, which sells condoms to students, is also in the process of developing a video library which would have tapes on a variety of health issues, including AIDS. Students could watch the tapes with relative anonymity. "Our emphasis," said Cutting, "is on educating everyone."—LV

A close look at admissions

The student body we have on campus right now," says Dean of the College John Emerson, "is as strong as any we've ever had." With over 3,800 applicants for 450 places in the 1987 freshman class, Middlebury is one of the most selective colleges in the country. In the last year such figures will be announced, the SAT scores of the Class of 1991 were the highest they've been since the national test score decline began in the early 1970s. The College enrolled freshmen from 41 states and 15 foreign countries.

"At a time of great strength and achievement in the admissions and financial aid arenas," the report of an Admissions Long Range Planning Committee (chaired by Emerson and composed of members of the faculty, administration, and admissions and financial aid staffs) states that the College must make a stronger push for more diversity in the student body. "If there is one goal for the future which we would emphasize," reads the report, which was forwarded to President Olin Robison early last summer, "it is that further progress will be made in making a Middlebury education accessible to students from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances."

The report makes it clear that progress has been made in broadening the socioeconomic diversity of the student body in recent years. In 1982, the College switched to a "need blind" admissions policy, so that financial need can no longer count against a student's chances of being to able to attend Middlebury. The College promises to meet the "full demonstrated need" of all accepted students, with need determined according to standard financial aid formulas approved by, among others, the federal government. About a third of all Middlebury students

Reviving an old tradition, the alumni relations office arranged for this photo of the Class of 1991 to be taken at the start of the school year.

now receive some form of aid—up from a quarter of the student body before the change.

However, most of the schools with which Middlebury, as it is said, "likes to compare itself," have more students—in the range of 40 percent or more—on financial aid. The College's financial aid policies and practices are similar to those schools. As a member of the "Overlap Group" of 16 private Northeastern colleges, Middlebury holds to agreed upon practices and compares the financial aid packages offered to students. A big part of the explanation for Middlebury's lower numbers of financial aid students, it appears, is that students seeking financial aid are just not applying.

The report also takes a careful and detailed look at minority recruitment and retention. Middlebury's minority students have, for the most part, been black, and in recent years, the College has had difficulty consistently recruiting and retaining black students. From a high of 77 minority students on campus in 1978, the number has fallen to below 50. Part of the problem is national circumstances. The black student population in American colleges has decreased by four percent since 1980. Black colleges have become more popular and attractive. Competition for the best black students among the country's top colleges and universities is increasing.

But the College has also had difficulty retaining the minority students it recruits. For the period 1980 to 1986, over a third of minority students failed to graduate. The report outlines possible reasons for attrition. The lack of faculty role models—Middlebury seldom has more than one or two black faculty members—is cited. The small numbers themselves contribute, as, according to a supporting memo in the report, there is "an attitude among minority students that they exist in the community as an afterthought." The high attrition rate reinforces itself, as well, because it has a negative impact as students watch their friends leave campus.

Despite its difficulties, the College is committed to recruiting and retaining black students, the report says, and will continue to do so. But the College will also increase its efforts at recuiting other minority groups, particularly Hispanics. If current trends continue, Hispanics will be the predominant minority group in the U.S. within 30 years. "Middlebury has several characteristics which will help us recruit Hispanics," the report argues, including the fact that we are a "multi-lingual and multi-cultural community." "In 20 years, all colleges in our group will be matriculating Hispanics," says the report, and it recommends that Middlebury move aggressively in that direction now.

Several steps have already been taken to address the issues raised in the report and to develop the committee's recommendations. A new position has been created in the admissions office, a "coordinator for admissions outreach." Caroline Donnan '75, who, among other things, has been a Vermont school teacher, will focus her efforts on getting information about Middlebury to students in rural areas. Dean of Admissions Fred Neuberger '50 and his staff have adjusted travel plans, with more attention being given to minority recruiting in cities like Providence, Springfield, Hartford, Albany, Utica, Syracuse, and Buffalo. Special efforts will begin in seven target cities—San Antonio, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Boston, and Hartford—to recruit Hispanic students. Herbert Dalton, director of enrollment planning, and Dean Emerson recently completed an agreement that will ecourange a few transfers each year to Middlebury from LaGuardia Community College, outside New York City. Similar agreements are in the works with other two-year community colleges, including New York's Bronx Community College and Miami Dade Community College in Florida.

Director of Financial Aid Robert Donaghey and Dean Emerson have established guidelines for what is called "preferential packaging." "There are not merit aid scholarships," cautions Emerson. Working within the established financial aid guidelines of the Overlap Group, such packages would, for up to 25 students, reduce the loan portion of a financial aid package and increase the grant. The overall dollar amount of the package would remain the same. A few of these new packages will be offered to a handful of applicants each year who have "substantial" need and who sit at the very top of the applicant pool (for instance, students who are in the top two percent of their graduating class). A greater number—20 such packages—will be offered to the neediest applicants and to applicants from "his-

torically disadvantaged backgrounds."

But the most searching initiative, perhaps, has been the Minority Advisory Workshop, organized by Dalton. In June, 11 counselors from high schools, two-year colleges, and religious organizations, all with special expertise in minority issues, were brought to Middlebury to meet with faculty and staff and discuss minority recruitment and retention (see "Minority advice" story, below).

"Middlebury College is an exciting and dynamic institution," the ALRPC report concludes. "In nearly all areas, certainly including admissions and financial aid, the College has never been stronger. We must challenge ourselves not to be satisfied with the steady and impressive progress made in past decades."

Advice on minority issues

"We are wrestling with a problem," Provost Bruce Peterson told his audience. "We are determined to increase the racial, ethnic, and economic diversity of the College, and we are frankly floundering."

Peterson's honest remarks opened the Minority Advisers Workshop in June. Eleven counselors with special expertise in minority issues, from high schools, two-year colleges, and religious organizations around the country, were brought to Middlebury to meet with faculty and staff and discuss minority recruitment and retention.

The advisory group heard presentations about Middlebury, including specific discussions of admissions and financial aid practices. Middlebury has had difficulty recruiting and retaining minority students, they were told, quite simply. In recent years, minority students—mainly blacks—have numbered fewer than 50. Part of the problem is attrition; over the last 10 years, over a third of all minority students at Middlebury have failed to graduate (for more background, see "Admissions report," page 32). To get some sense whether the College seems to be admitting the right students, teams made up of minority committee members and Middlebury faculty and administrators actually read some admissions folders, and then compared decisions. "Sometimes they agreed with our decisions," noted Herbert Dalton, director of enrollment planning and organizer of the workshop, "and sometimes they didn't."

In an afternoon panel discussion, the group heard from Middlebury students, including the president of the Black Student Union, Marie Paquin '88, who spoke openly—and tearfully—about some of the difficulties minority students face at Middlebury. One major complaint: The job of educating the white community about minority concerns is too often forced on the minority students themselves. Another concern: Being a black student in a predominantly white community is psychologically stressful, and the black students feel strongly that the College needs a counselor with a special understanding of their problems. "It is impossible," Paquin argued, "for a white person to understand some of the things a black person has to face."

Finally, after two days of information gathering, the group was asked to put together a general review and a set of recommendations for the College. They delivered their thoughts to a group of 50 College administrators, staff, and faculty members. They didn't pull any punches.

"How can you expect to retain a student who has no place to get a hair cut in Middlebury?" said Don Coverdale, guidance counselor at in East Boston (Mass.) High School. The College shouldn't restrict recruiting to high school visits, but should connect with churches and clubs (Coverdale belongs to a black ski club in Boston). Greater emphasis should be placed on communicating with the parents of minority students, to improve both recruitment and retention. "Bus the parents to campus," Coverdale suggested, so that they get a look at the beautiful Vermont scenery and understand that Middlebury could be a good place for their children.

Coverdale had particular praise for the College's Twilight Report on minority students at Middlebury, written in 1982. "What you have here is a great report," Coverdale said, holding it up. "Go back and have another look at those recommendations," which included making special efforts to recruit more minority faculty and developing more courses that address the special interests and concerns of minority students.

Linden Beckford, college counselor at Washington High School in Los Angeles, said that in the late 1960s and early 1970s, there was stronger "emotion" and "sense of purpose" about minority concerns in the New England colleges. Middlebury needs to regain some of that urgency. More minority role models are needed on the faculty; Middlebury currently has two black faculty members, and four Hispanic faculty members. "I cannot tell you," Beckford reiterated, "how important this is." And white faculty members must address minority students' concerns—and minority students—more directly, in workshops, in small group sessions, in retreats. "Is the faculty at Middlebury aware of what some minority students are feeling?" he asked. "The students read body language. They know that you are uncomfortable with them. I saw a lot of squirming by some of you when the kids were speaking about their experiences here."

"Think about picking yourself up and putting yourself in the middle of a black community," said Penny Bolden, a college counselor from Maplewood, N.J., "This is what many of your black kids are going through when they come to Middlebury." Minority students know they are coming to a predominantly white environment, Beckford said, but "there are still things you can do to make them more comfortable."

"We're quite concerned," said Jack Wright, of Franklin High School in Los Angeles, about the attrition rate for minority students—but "we're alarmed, even appalled," that the College has little information from these students about why they left Middlebury. "Be analytical about this. We hope it's not an elitest attitude, that once students are here, if they are really Middlebury material, they will survive."

On the positive side, the advisory group applauded the College's plans to link up with two-year colleges and to make recruiting of Hispanic students a priority. They praised a summer science internship, organized by Associate Professor of Biology Randall Landgren, which brought 16 New York City high school students to campus in August.

The visitors recognized that they were being hard on the College. But, they felt, it was what they were brought to campus to do—and they felt strong recommendations were necessary because the task facing the College is a hard one. When addressing minority concerns, said Jack Wright, "One must have a constant vigil."

Just because the College has had difficulties, it shouldn't give up. "You can take a stumbling block and make it a building block," said Linden Beckford. "The time to take action is now." The College should tackle its problems in a "surgical way—there are things that could be corrected, and should be corrected."

The specific recommendations of the workshop—like the hiring of a minority counselor/psychologist—have been forwarded to President Robison and his staff. Dean of the College John Emerson reports that those recommendations are under active discussion.

Meanwhile, another school year is now

well under way. The workshop has raised expectations—and the normal pace of administrative decisionmaking has been frustrating for some students and faculty.

In an attempt to follow up at the grass roots level, Dalton and a group of faculty and staff members have begun regular, informal meetings with the Black Student Union to continue talking about the issues raised in the workshop. The group—it has no name—will invite departmental chairs to dinner in January, for example, to discuss with the students the College's curriculum and how to get more varied ethnic and racial material into courses.

The leader of that BSU delegation is Dean Garfield '88, who has also begun working in the admissions office. Garfield and the BSU acknowledge that increasing the numbers of minority students on campus will—to a certain extent—help improve minority student life, and they have volunteered their assistance. But they have made that assistance conditional. More has to be done to help minority students already on campus. "Before you reach out for students who aren't here," Garfield said at one meeting, "you have to reach out to students who are here."

Garfield has acknowledged "a change in attitude" on campus: "The faculty appears to be coming to the students now." Eric Berry '90, another member of the BSU delegation, agreed that the summer workshop seems to have had an impact and that the ongoing discussions were good ones. But, he noted, "we need to see some results."

Jewish students want to raise awareness

Every culture has a different way of dealing with guilt and bad feelings," remarked John Jay Tilson, a rabbinical student from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. In a discusssion sponsored by the Interfaith Council, Tilson gave some of the historical background for Yom Kippur, a holiday that comes from a description in the book of Leviticus, in which, once a year, the community would chase a goat out into the wilderness.

This "scapegoat" ritual evolved into today's Yom Kippur or "Day of Atonement." The holiday's main themes deal with the place of humans in the world, confession of community wrong-doing, and reconciliation with others through acts of charity and social justice.

Tilson had been invited to officiate at the Jewish High Holidays services, and the open discussion of Yom Kippur was part of an ongoing process to educate the Middlebury campus about Judaism. The campus, says Hillel, needs some education. Hillel President James Grayer '88 and other Jewish students early this fall sent a petition to College President Olin Robison, protesting the scheduling of next year's first day of classes on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Elizabeth Karnes, executive assistant to the president, says that the College had, in fact, already noticed the conflict when the petition arrived. Classes have been officially rescheduled to start one day later, on Tuesday, September 13.

Grayer, who describes the Jewish population at Middlebury as "assimilated," believes that the College is not anti-semitic but ignorant. "They do not understand the nature of Jewish Holidays," Grayer says, which "are so different" and generally require active observance, including a day without work and attendance at long prayer services.

Another Jewish student, Sheryl Parker '88, points out that until the arrival of Robert Schine, instructor in religion, there was no one qualified to lead the weekly Hillel services. "There really aren't enough resource people here," says Parker, adding that if the college wants to encourage diversity in the student body it must be more attentive to different student needs.

To help raise campus awareness with respect to Judaism, College Chaplain John Walsh has instituted a Jewish prayer at Commencement ceremonies, Freshman Convocation, and Reunion Sunday. Walsh says, "I can't lead the Jewish services, but I can make sure that the services take place. My responsibilty is to support them and all of the other religious groups on campus."

Walsh also commented on the increasing number of Hindu and Muslim students at Middlebury. In the spring he will send to the faculty a letter which will list the major holidays for all religious groups represented on campus and will encourage instructors to take these into consideration when planning syllabuses for next year.—LV

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Jack Wright of Franklin High School (Los Angeles) addresses Middlebury faculty and staff at the Minority Advisory Workshop last summer. The other college and career counselors in attendence included: Linden Beckford of Washington High School (Los Angeles), Penny Bolden of Columbia High School (Maplewood, N.J.), Don Coverdale of East Boston (Mass.) High School, Ernestine B. Cole of Miami Dade Community College, Shirley Collins of Hightstown (N.J.) High School, Laurence Eckels of Ransom Everglades School (Miami), Earlene French of Alamo Heights High School (San Antonio), Rev. Vincente Lopez of the Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs for the U.S. Catholic Conference, Max Rodriguez of Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College (Long Island City, N.Y.), and Lena Rowe of Harlem College (New York).

John Emerson settles in as dean

Well into the second year of what he had expected to be a one-year appointment, Dean of the College John Emerson is starting to appreciate his job. "An enormous variety of issues come across the desk, from all corners of campus life – legal, medical, public relations, fund raising, personnel, financial," says the trim, bearded Emerson, who talks deliberately, almost as if he's given each thought a trial run. "I'm not saying that's just true about the job generally. I'm saying that's true every day."

A professor of mathematics who came to Middlebury in 1973 and has co-authored *New England Journal of Medicine* articles on using statistics in medicine, Emerson last winter accepted a full three-year term as dean of the College, replacing Steven Rockefeller. Rockefeller, after a one-year leave, has returned to the College on associate status as professor of religion.

It's already clear that when Emerson's term is complete, the major area of impact will have been in admissions and financial aid. It's an area of personal interest for Emerson, who was a scholarship student at the University of Rochester as an undergraduate, but it's also a priority that was given to him last year by President Robison. With his appointment as dean, Emerson was asked to chair a Faculty Long Range Planning Committee (FLRP) review of the

Dean of the College John Emerson

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Faculty notes

■**Now read the book:** Three years after his visit to campus, it's still common for the name of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to pop up in conversation.

The purpose of the Dalai Lama's visit, you may remember, was a scholarly discussion of "The Christ and the Bodhisattva." A volume collecting the papers from that event, edited by Donald Lopez and Steven Rockefeller of the religion department, is now available from the State University of New York Press. Entitled *The Christ and the Bodhisattva*, the volume includes papers from Lopez, Robert Thurman, Lois Gomez, and the Dalai Lama, on Buddhism and the Bodhisattva in India, East Asia, and Tibet. Christian theologians Langdon Gilkey, Brother David Steindl-Rast, and Ann Belford Ulanov explore the significance of the Christ from the perspectives of the Roman Catholic contemplative tradition, modern depth psychology, and liberal Protestantism.

■**Politicians and monarchists:** "Contrary to what most textbooks teach," says Paul Monod, assistant professor of history, "the Stuarts—James II, his son James Francis (the Old Pretender), and his grandson Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charles)—retained a great deal of influence in 18th-century England." In a paper on "Jacobitism and Country Principles in the Reign of William III," Monod writes that, "Beyond the shadowy conspiracies that have long fascinated researchers, little is known of the role of Jacobite sentiment in the political life of England between 1688 and 1702." Jacobite supporters of a Stuart restoration, Monod goes on to argue, helped create an opposition party in Parliament, built around so-called "Country" principles that favored low taxes, no standing army, strict control of ministerial power, among other things. "Although they are usually seen as reactionaries," Monod says, "the Jacobites in fact developed a complex ideology that combined conservative and very radical elements." While they never accomplished their goal of restoring the Stuarts to the throne, Jacobites helped pull together a fragile tory opposition party to balance whig politics of expediency and big, centralized government—what some called "ministerial despotism." (*The Historical Journal*, 30, 2, June 1987)

■**Literary protest:** Like those of its sister nations, Puerto Rican novels have been committed to portraying the stark socio-economic conditions of "its deprived rural and urban lower strata," writes Eduardo Bejar, assistant professor of Spanish, in a paper delivered this fall to the Mid-Hudson conference of the Modern Language Association. But Puerto Rican novels, Bejar suggests, have dealt explicitly with nationalistic issues—"the political dependency and cultural dichotomy known as 'the Puerto Rican problematic.'" The most significant contribution of Puerto Rican literature to modern Spanish American literature, it has been said, is precisely its analysis of the "acute problem of the national identity in the face of political, socio-economic, and cultural imperialism."

Bejar goes on to show the "Puerto Rican problematic" at work in novels by Diaz Valcarcel. *Figuraciones en el mes de marzo* (1972), for example, is a chaotic, achronological, first person narration of an exiled Puerto Rican writer in Madrid, Eddy Leiseca. Leiseca, as it happens, is writing a novel, and *Figuraciones* becomes an album, of sorts, interspersed with passages from the novel within the novel, Leiseca's conversations with his wife, letters from his parents and friends back home, historical documents, phone book listings, etc. "Its incoherent, discontinuous, and contradictory form," Bejar writes, "stands as a homologue" to consumerist Puerto Rican society—but also to the dehumanizing post-industrial world, in general.

■**Thought problems:** "Suppose that two teenage girls, both far from their respective homes, are invited to their first embassy party," writes Lynne Rudder Baker, professor of philosophy.They come from independent societies, but because of similar geography, climate, and so on, the girls are molecular duplicates. One girl, however, speaks standard American English; the other speaks the same language, with the exception of a single word. In English, the word "vodka" designates vodka, and in the mythical language, the word "vodka" designates gin. At the embassy party, each girl gestures towards a tray of shot glasses with a clear liquid, and says, "Vodka is good to drink."

The point, Baker argues, is that even though they produce the same output, the girls "say different things." The larger implication, says Baker, "is that the inten-

tional and semantic, in principle, may be irreducible to the nonintentional and nonsemantic." Her essay, "Content by Courtesy," challenges the notion that there is a concept of "content" that can satisfy both semantic and physical constraints. A definition of content, writes Baker, must be tackled before philosophers and scientists can agree on any "fully naturalistic account of mind."(*The Journal of Philosophy*, April 1987)

■ **Twinkle, twinkle:** Galactic globular clusters—groups of hundreds of thousands of stars bound together by gravity—are among the oldest objects in the universe. Their age is usually measured using "color magnitude diagrams," which match observed color and brightness from individual stars in the cluster to theoretical models about how stars of given chemical composition and age should appear. But the technique is a crude one, says Stephen Ratcliff, assistant professor of physics, because, among other things, the observable colors of stars "are affected by poorly understood physics." An alternative way to calculate age, Ratcliff writes in an article "Theoretical Stellar luminosity Functions and the Ages and Composition of Globular Clusters," would be to count the number of stars at specific brightnesses—or luminosities—in a globular cluster, and look at the distribution of brightness.

Astrophysicists can build theoretical models of stellar evolution to predict how bright stars of different sizes and chemical composition should be at different ages. They program equations for different kinds of stars into their computers, then age these stars by billions of years. If you match predictions from such a model with the observed luminosity patterns of stars in a globular cluster, Ratcliff argues, you have a good way to figure the age. Looking at luminosity patterns in a well-known globular cluster known as M13 (observable in Vermont on clear summer and autumn nights), Ratcliff found his "luminosity function" method provided results that match those of the color magnitude method. (*The Astrophysical Journal*, 318, 1987 July 1)

■ **Everyday philosophy:** "For the philosophers of early China... it was supremely important that ideas be rooted in the experience of the real world and that they be applicable to real world situations," writes Don Wyatt, assistant professor of history, in a paper on "Argumentation in Appreciation of the Mundane: A Language of Continuity in Confucian Thought."

The "this-worldliness" of Chinese thought, Wyatt argues, is particularly important when reading Confucian philosophers. "Demonstration by analogy" was an essential form of Confucian argument, and the main current of Chinese thought has maintained a profound appreciation for the abstract explained in terms of the everyday. And while the term *hsing*, meaning human nature (or simply nature), appears only twice in Confucius' *Analects*, it becomes a dominant idea in later Confucian thought, in which perfection of human nature becomes an important focus.

Wyatt delivered his paper to the International Society for Chinese Philosophy, and it will be published next year in a festschrift collection of papers for Harvard professor Benjamin Schwartz.

■ **In their houses:** She had an itinerary and letters of introduction. But a tour by Andrea Olsen, assistant professor of dance, through the Far East last year left her plenty of room for improvisation. In a written account of her trip, "Falling through the Hole: Traveling Through Dance in Japan & China," Olsen describes her arrival at a marketplace in Guilin. "I began to play my snake drum, which I now carried slung over my shoulder. Everyone stopped what they were doing; I began to dance. I remember the face of an old woman as she stared at me, toothless but elegant. Suddenly she dropped her wares and started smiling and clapping—encouraging me to go on. People gathered around, laughing, moving... I danced down the street until I reached the bus and left them playing music and chattering."

Olsen had a formal program for her tour, as well, and she gave 20 performances of a full-evening dance solo, *In My House*. (*Contact Quarterly*, Fall 1987)

■ **Keeping Leibniz in order:** Leibniz takes his place in a chain of "relationalists" that stretches before him from Aristotle to Descartes, and after him from Mach to Einstein. But Leibniz's ideas on space and matter have their own peculiarities, according to Richard Arthur, assistant professor of philosophy. Arthur delivered a paper on "Space as an Order of Situations: The Unappreciated Novelty of Leibniz's Relationalism," to the International Congress for Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science in Moscow last summer.

Leibniz recognized the so-called "equivalence of hypotheses" of his day, Arthur says, in which "all motion is relative to which body or system of bodies is hypothesized to be at rest"—and that belief put him at odds with Newton. But Leibniz understood space to be an instantaneous "complex of situations"—connected, partitioned cells, "subdivided to infinity"—and matter, similarly, to be a collection of infinitely divided, continguous parts, connected instant by instant. For Leibniz, Arthur argues, space could not, therefore, be continuous: "A true continuum encompasses not just one determinate partition, but all possible partitionings into different complexes of parts. Thus its parts are indeterminate; it is merely an abstract or ideal object, but not one that could actually exist."

■ **Honors and grants:** Eric Nelson, associate professor of art, has received a fellowship from the Vermont Council on the Arts for work on sculptures which "investigate human relationships"...

David Dorman, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, has received two grants from the National Science Foundation—a Research Opportunities Award and a Vermont EPSCOR Award—to continue his work on "supersingular moduli associated to rank 2 Drinfeld modules with complex multiplications"...

James Larrabee, assistant professor of chemistry, has received a Vermont EPSCOR grant for "Infrared Spectroscopy of Exogenous Ligands in the Hemocyanin Active Site"...

Russ Reilly, assistant director of athletics, last spring received the National Association of Basketball Coaches Merit Award for 22 years of college coaching...

Jeff Byers, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a $15,500 grant from the Research Corporation of Tucson, Ariz. Byers' research will look at "thermodynamic control of the hexenyl radical cyclization: synthetic applications"...

■ **A Fulbright:** Glenn Andres, professor of art, is lecturing for the 1987-88 year at the University of Exeter, in the United Kingdom, under a Fulbright Scholar Grant.

College's admissions and financial aid operations (see story on the "Admissions report," page 32). He's been working closely with the admissions and financial aid offices to develop new ideas on how to bring more students from different backgrounds to Middlebury.

"It's exciting to be able to identify some goals for the institution," Emerson says, "and then to be in a position to help develop programs and ideas that move the institution toward those goals."

As a co-chair of the Community Council (he shares leadership with a student), Emerson last year worked closely with Frank Kelley, director of residential life, to develop a program to curb dormitory damage. The plan called for heavier fines for students caught doing the damage, but there was an emphasis on simply encouraging students to exercise more personal responsibility—and to police themselves. Early indications this year suggest that dorm damage has dramatically decreased.

"There's an inevitable tension between the needs of students for autonomy and freedom as they make the transition from living at home with parents and a family to adulthood and being on their own, on the one hand," Emerson says, "and, on the other hand, the need for the College to assume a responsible position in regard to issues that affect student life."

Emerson sees some irony in his role as an authority figure, of sorts, for students. "I was part of a generation that successfully pushed for greater autonomy for students in colleges and universities," he notes. "My generation wrested away a certain amount of responsiblity and power from the older adult community."

He's working with students, faculty, and staff "in a lot of processes that have developed in the area of self-governance." He ticks off a number of initiatives—developed by students and staff—including revival of the Interfraternity Council and dormitory councils, and work on an updated honor code for student conduct. "I definitely approve of encouraging student efforts and student leadership," he says. "It's a good way of helping students address the problems and issues that face them, without putting us in a heavy-handed situation which, frankly, we don't want to be in."

As a faculty member, Emerson says, he didn't fully understand or appreciate the work of the College administration and staff. "On almost any question that comes up, there is the same degree of diversity of viewpoint and opinion as there is in the College community," Emerson emphasizes. "I feel good about that whether or not I'm on the side that prevails in any particular decision."

"There is much positive about having members of the administration drawn from the faculty, and then having them return to the faculty," Emerson smiles, implying that he won't mind returning to the classroom (he loves teaching) when his term expires.

PhoneMail is a hit with students

Middlebury has probably become one of the chattiest campuses in the country, thanks to the new phone system which provides a phone in every dormitory room—and a campus-wide message service, called PhoneMail.

The system, introduced at the opening of school, is basically "user friendly." Callers from off campus get a recorded greeting (the voice belongs to former radio announcer Bob Peskin, associate director of alumni relations), which explains that callers with Touchtone phones can punch in an extension or a name and proceed without assistance. Callers who need more help must wait for the switchboard operator, as in the past.

If you punch in a number and there's no answer, calls get switched into the PhoneMail system, a computerized, campus-wide answering machine. If you are a neophyte, another recorded voice will guide you through the procedures (Peskin only gives the initial greeting, at which point someone the students have dubbed "the PhoneMail lady" takes over).

Using the PhoneMail system on campus to retrieve messages is somewhat more complicated, and students and staff received training sessions. Basically PhoneMail assigns all users a message mail box, which can be unlocked with a personal password that you type on the phone. Recordings from the "PhoneMail lady" spell out your your options—and there are plenty of them. The system also gives you a second chance if you screw up: "You dialed Leslie Virostek of extension 6111. If this is correct, dial your password and then 'enter' or 'pound.' If not press 'star' or 'stop.'"

PhoneMail has been a big hit—although some, especially faculty, have begun to complain about junk-PhoneMail. Students quickly figured out how to send chain letters on the system; one feature lets you add to a message and forward it to other phones. A popular chain-phone message that began with two friends exchanging Rocky and Bullwinkle voices got so out of hand—reportedly over 20 minutes in length—that its originators published apologies in *The Campus* and urged all students to "delete 6" the message to stop it.

The recorded voice that now answers the phone when you call Middlebury belongs to Robert Peskin, associate director of alumni relations. The live operator during the day, who' s still available to help, is Lydia Johnson.

And while students seem happy at having phones in their rooms, the new phone system has a few points that don't please users. The major complaint, perhaps, is that students cannot call home collect from their room phones, and pay phones have been removed from the dormitories. As Ben Thom '89 says, "I just told my mother 'See you at Christmas!'" (The phones are given to students as part of their comprehesive fee, and students get a bill from the College for long-distance calls, so they have no financial dealings with the phone company.)

There's a problem on the parents' end, too. They get charged for every call, whether or not the student is in, because all the calls get answered at the computerized switchboard. Parents can leave a message with PhoneMail—but then students don't return the call.

As you might expect, there was an initial bug or two. When the system was first installed, it failed to answer some incoming

calls, frustrating numerous callers who couldn't get through. A more serious problem involved phone lines off campus. When the 1,500 or so new phones went into action in September, the Vermont telephone system couldn't handle the traffic. Incoming long distance lines from Rutland to Burlington were clogged for weeks.

After two months of operation, regular users and callers have become accustomed to the system, and one forgets how new—and how odd—it seemed at first. Kurt Broderson '89 recently received a phone call from a first-time, off-campus caller. "When we were finished talking, I was just about to hang up when I heard him say—to himself I guess—'What a weird phone system.'"

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Fun physics

The physics are as elegant as the dance. When the Black Swan does 32 consecutive fouette turns, he's actually creating torque with his foot and storing angular momentum in his extended leg.

The trick behind that dance was just one of the mysteries unravelled when Kenneth Laws, professor of physics at Dickinson College, explained "The Physics of Dance" in a lecture this fall. With the help of Lisa de Ravel of Burlington's Burklyn Ballet Theatre, Laws showed his audience that scientific and mechanical forces complement style in classical ballet.

While fighting the friction-creating carpeting of the Dana Auditorium stage, de Ravel performed a sequence of choreographed ballet movements. Laws then analyzed a few of them—the pirouette, the fouette, the tour jete, and the grand jete. Thanks to gravity, Laws pointed out, things thrown up into the air follow a parabolic trajectory. How then does the leaping dancer create the "floating illusion" of moving horizontally above the stage?

Laws explained that in the initial stages of the grand jete, the center of gravity is in the lower torso. When the legs rise to the split position, parallel to the floor, the center of gravity moves upward. Hence the torso and the head move horizontally, but only because the legs control the center of mass, which does come down at the proper constant rate of acceleration.

At the end, de Ravel danced the sequence again—and, you might say, her physical calculations of torque, friction, angular momentum were right on target.

Laws was speaking as a special guest at the annual meeting of the American Physical Society, New England Section, which brought over 100 physicists to the College for two days of lectures and meetings.

In addition to Laws' talk, Robert Prigo, associate professor of physics at Middlebury, gave his popular demonstration, "The Physics of Sport." Prigo analyzed the forces involved in breaking a one-inch pine board with a fist—and then proceeded to bust five stacked boards with a single blow, using something that he called a "hammer fist strike."

"No. 2 pine," Prigo smiled, "is cheap for a good reason."—LV

Parking, ugh!

Ask people at Middlebury College about parking on campus, and you'll see some eyeballs rolling upward and some heads shaking. As Mary Krueger '89 puts it, the parking situation on campus this year is even more "horrendous" than it was last year.

The basic problem is an old one. There are simply more student cars than there are parking places in student lots. Although the statistics for this year are not yet available, according to Campus Security Chief Fred Spencer, last year there were 1,000 registered student cars and only 845 designated student parking spaces, some of which are located in what students consider "far off" places like Jewett and Fletcher houses.

Another problem is that during the day there aren't enough spaces for faculty and staff cars, either. To make matters worse, with all the building projects taking place on campus, construction workers take some spaces.

The final factor: Hepburn Road behind Mead Chapel, which provided 30-40 parking spaces, and Chateau Road, which offered about 12, have both been closed to traffic. The roads must be kept open for emergency vehicles (there were two small fires in the Chateau last year).

The parking situation probably reaches its worst point late in the morning as students drive to classes and to lunch. As Ben Thom '89, who lived at Chi Psi last year and who lives this year in the North Dorm, argues, "You can't expect people who live in the far-off frats to walk to dinner every night, especially in the winter." Not everyone buys that argument. Allison Looney '88, who also lives in the North Dorm, says that it is not unreasonable to expect students to do more walking: "Nothing is too terribly far on this campus."

Provost Bruce Peterson, who signed the letter to the community announcing the closing of Hepburn and Chateau roads and who has therefore received the brunt of the parking complaints, acknowledges that the situation has become "anarchy." People are parking on the lawns and sidewalks and other restricted places with wild abandon.

And, it should be noted, without real fear of deterrence. Chief Spencer acknowledges that ticketing cars has just not been an effective means of control. Although Spencer doesn't come right out and say so, faculty and staff cars are not ticketed aggressively—"where else are they going to park?" (Faculty and staff are being ticketed by town police, who are perhaps trying to put pressure on the College to solve its parking problem, which has spilled over into the public streets.) As for students, says Spencer, some "end up with $300 or $400 dollars in tickets, but they just keep writing checks." Not much can be done while students build up the large fines, or to make multiple violations more inconvenient. "The rule is if a car has more than three unpaid tickets it can be impounded," Spencer explains. "But we can't tow cars because we have no place to put them."

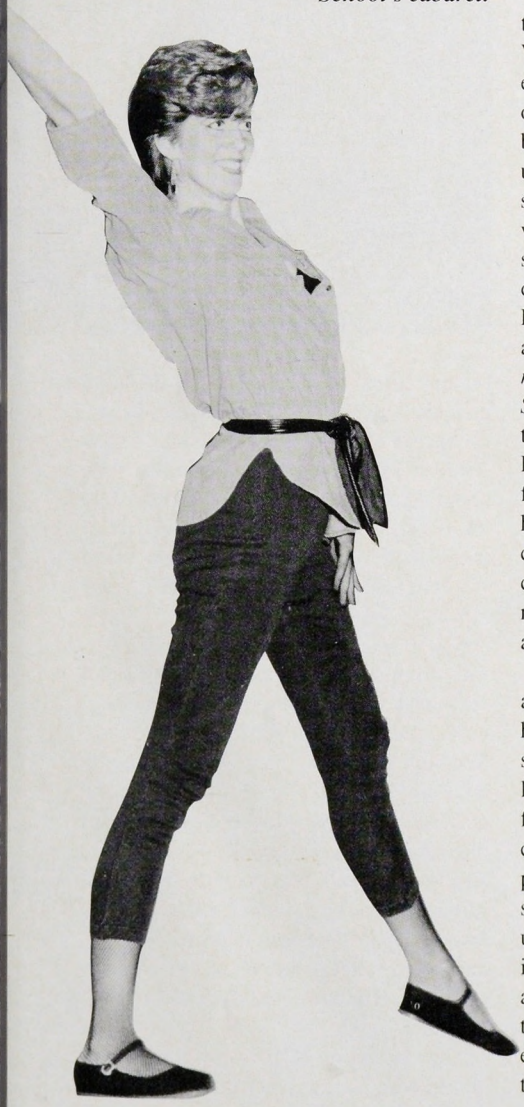
Peterson has appointed an ad hoc parking committee, with himself as chair, to come up with new ideas. The problem has been building for several years, and solutions have, for the most part, been only piecemeal. "Anybody can go around saying 'Well, we could add 10 more spaces here or ten more there,'" Peterson says. "But that isn't going to solve the problem." A slightly less piecemeal solution, a 40-space lot for faculty and staff, will be built between Tilden and Wilson houses, on the road behind Proctor Hall.

But Peterson would like to see a more comprehensive plan which would address the need for new spaces, the control problem, and the issue of safety. Frank Kelley, director of residential life, is a strong proponent of a proposal to build a 1,000-car student lot out College Street past Turner House. Spencer likes that idea, too, because it "would release other lots for faculty and staff." It would also provide a place to impound cars, and so help with the problem of enforcing the regulations.

The Turner Lot, Peterson says, is under consideration. But he believes that no matter what solution is implemented, "there's no question of there being some inconvenience involved." "We have to think of the community," says Kelley, but no matter what the solution, ultimately people are going to have to do more walking.—LV

SPECIAL NEWS

July 15th is the date for the annual **Bon Odori** *dance at the Japanese School (left). The holiday welcomes visiting spirits of the dead. Mariko Onuki, an instructor, wears a ceremonial* **yukata,** *a cotton kimono used only in the summer. Below: Kathryn Hosmer, a student in the undergraduate French program, dances at the French School's cabaret.*

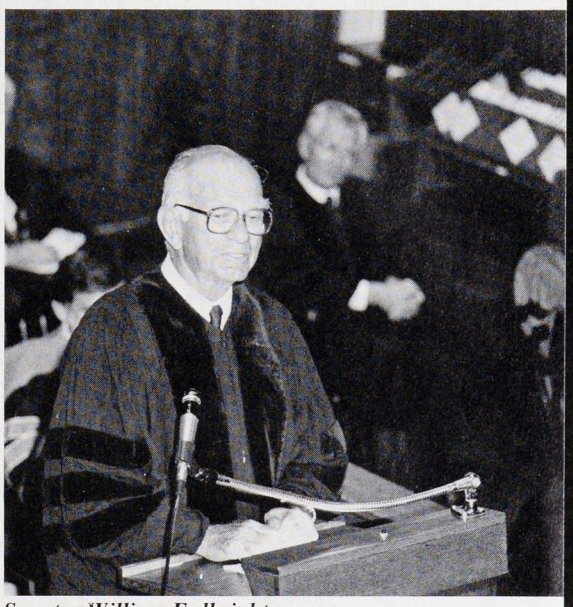


Make scholars, not weapons, says Fulbright at Language Schools Commencement

At the end of a Language Schools summer with a record enrollment of 1,320 students, the 73rd commencement celebrated the awarding of 146 M.A. degrees and two Doctor of Modern Language degrees. One new highlight: the Russian School awarded its first M.A.s through a new ten-month graduate program at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow.

In addition, the Language Schools awarded two honorary Doctor of Laws degrees. J. William Fulbright, architect of the Fulbright exchange program while a 30-year member of the U.S. Senate, was honored by Middlebury, said President Olin Robison, for "your unflagging pursuit of international understanding and your personal commitment to world peace through the free exchange of scholars and ideas." Johann Wilhelm Gaddum, former Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Germany, is a finance and public policy expert, author of *Economics and Financial Policy in a Federal State*, and a director of the Federal Bank of the Federal Republic of Germany; the Language Schools had selected Gaddum for an honorary degree, said Robison, for his efforts "promoting understanding and cooperation throughout the global economic community... and for your role as entrepreneur, negotiator, and facilitator of people and institutions."

Fulbright delivered the Commencement address, hitting upon familiar themes behind the Fulbright Exchange, which has sent almost 60,000 American scholars and leaders abroad and brought over 100,000 foreigners to the U.S. (27 countries now contribute support and participate in the program). Those themes bear repeating, he suggested, because they continue to go unheard in high places. If the world is to live in peace, he argued, the U.S. must do its part and "accept the fact that people have a right to a different religion if they like or a different political system so long as they do not threaten our own vital interest." He continued: "I'm encouraged, not by the actions of our government, but by the actions and response in this school and to the exchange program all over the world."



Senator William Fulbright

In conclusion, speaking to both Americans and Soviets, perhaps, Fulbright said: "It is a serious mistake to believe that the world would be a better place if uniformity in political and cultural practices supplanted the present diversity, which may cause problems and even conflicts, but which is the source of interest and dynamism in modern society. I think competition among the nations to develop the best educational systems, the most productive economies, and the most efficient governments—rather than the current competition to build arms—would be a great lesson to the human race."

Celebrating bicentennial

Amidst the hoopla surrounding the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Arabic School found its own angle.

Two hundred years ago, Morocco was the first foreign country to recognize the fledgling United States of America. Celebrating a bicentennial of peaceful co-existence, in July the Arabic School heard a series of lectures and cultural events ar-

ranged through the Moroccan Ministry of Culture.

Morocco deserves some special recognition because, at the time, diplomatic recognition of the U.S. was a courageous move, suggests Driss Ouaouicha of the Mohammed V University in Rabat and a member of the Arabic School faculty: "These were intelligent and farsighted leaders in Morocco who sensed the momentous consequences of the event. They were also defying Great Britain and the general balance of power with their decision."

Morocco was more important a country to the U.S. than one might think, now that the U.S. has risen as one of the world's great powers. "Morocco," Ouaouicha notes, "was a powerful and autonomous country that sympathized with the struggle that had been undertaken in the new country." "Besides the exploits of the pirates of the Barbary Coast for which the area may be generally remembered," says Peter Abboud, of the University of Texas and director of the Middlebury Arabic School, "it should also be recalled that Morocco at the time was an intellectual center with a great, traditional university almost 1,000 years old—it still exists today—to which one of the popes travelled to sit and learn." The two countries, Abboud suggests, "recognized that though an ocean separated them, their shores were washed by the same waters."

The Morocco celebration was Abboud's idea—and it got an enthusiastic reponse when he broached it with Morocco's Minister of Culture on a visit to Rabat last January. Their discussions produced a program of events at Middlebury that included: a performance and lecture by the renowned Moroccan musician Salah Cherqi, who performed classical Arabic music on the kannoon; a lecture on Arab Moroccan culture by A. Movadden, Morocco's Consular Minister of Cultural Affairs; and lectures in Arabic and French on the state of Moroccan literature by A. Yabouri, president of the Association of Moroccan Writers.

In addition, the Moroccan government has made a more permanent gift to the College, donating 85 volumes of works by Moroccan writers and tapes—audio and video—of music and other cultural events.

New directors

It was a summer of transition, as two directors led their first Middlebury summer programs, and two directors were on hand as "directors designate" and will assume command for next summer (they officially took over effective September, 1987).

Edoardo Lebano, new director of the Italian School, is professor of Italian and director of undergraduate studies in French and Italian at Indiana University. He has published books and articles on the Italian Renaissance and romantic literature and is author of a popular first-year Italian text, *Buongiorno a tutti!* Currently president of the American Association of Teachers of Italian, he taught at Middlebury during the summers of 1972, 1982, and 1986. He succeeds Clavio Ascari of Mary Washington College, who served as director from 1977 to 1986.

Daniel Jourlait, who has taught at the French School since 1972, is professor at the Institut de langue et litterature Francaises pour Etudiants Etrangers, Universite d'Aix-Marseille-III, Aix-en-Provence. He received his doctorate in modern literature from the Sorbonne, and has taught at the universities of Michigan and Toronto. He replaces Jean R. Carduner, who served 15 years as director of the French School.

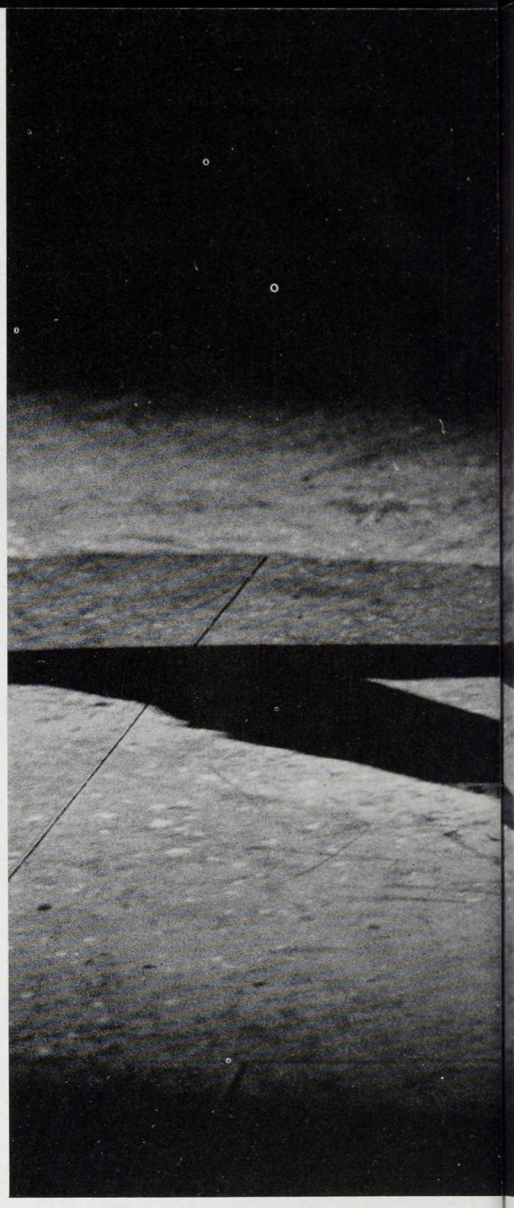
Konrad O. Kunkel was on hand last summer as "director designate" of the German School. A member of the Dartmouth College faculty for 14 years, Kunkel has also taught and been director at the Deutsche Sommerschole am Atlantik at the Univesity of Rhode Island. Kunkel, who is a German native, received his Ph.D. from Indiana University. In addition to papers and articles, his published scholarship includes a book, *Medeadramen: Entmythisierung und Remythisierung.* Kunkel will succeed Gerard Schneilin, director of the German School since 1971.

Finally, Frank P. Casa spent his first summer at the Spanish School preparing to assume the job of director . He has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, and, after six years at Harvard, he returned to teach at Michigan in 1969. His books include *The Dramatic Craftsmanship of Moreto,* and *En Busca de Espana.*

Under seige with Macbeth

Staging *Macbeth* before an audience of high school English teachers is hard enough. But then, as has become the custom at Bread Loaf, on the Monday after their weekend run, Director Alan Mokler and the cast had to answer questions about what they had performed.

Could Mokler say something about which



Erik Borg

interpretation of *Macbeth* he brought to campus with him? He didn't really have a "scholarly interpretation" in mind, Mokler deftly sidestepped: "A lot of things written about Shakespeare's plays are interesting but not helpful, from a director's point of view." What's more, he said, his goal wasn't "to do a new critical reading of the play," either.

But he wanted to do a *Macbeth* that was truly frightening, and he wanted to make it somewhat contemporary—or at least suggest some modern historical parallels. Macbeth begins the play as a conquering hero, like the U.S. after World War II, and he initially has grave doubts as he exercises the power which victory, his own strength, and fortune have brought him. But then, Mokler suggests, "he goes a little crazy," and the doubts disappear. In his final speech, facing sure defeat and death, Macbeth is resolute and unbowed as he declares, "I will not yield."

After emerging as a world power after World War II, in the 1960s the U.S., Mokler

Jonathan Fried of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble handled the title role in* Macbeth, *which played to three packed houses.

suggested, went through great soul-searching about whether or not "we were doing the right thing with our power." As the testimony of the Iran-Contra hearings showed, the Reagan administration—elected in a landslide popular election—no longer worries about exercising (sometimes bloody) American influence in what might arguably be questionable matters: "Now we say, we're going to do it and that's that." Macbeth's madness and moral surrender, Mokler implied, hold some lessons for our political leaders.

He had given some thought to staging the play with actors in modern combat fatigues, but as he thought it through, Mokler said, "it didn't work." Instead, as Macbeth's castle is under seige on stage in the final scenes, modern soldiers appear in the aisles of the Little Theatre and shatter the glass windows panes of the doors using the butts of their rifles. Explosions and gunfire outside the theatre put the audience under seige with Macbeth.

Of special interest to the English teachers was Mokler's use of the three witches. He put them on stage at the end of the play, as, perhaps, an exclamation point about their importance. The final scene, in which murdered King Duncan's son Malcolm claims that peace and order have been restored with Macbeth's death, took place around the witches, who stood immobile on stage. When the actors cleared the stage, the witches remained (through the curtain calls, no less). The idea, Mokler confirmed, is that Macbeth may be gone, but evil continues to lurk.

Shakespeare, of course, begins the play with the witches. In Mokler's opening scene, the witcheswere hags who resemble New York City bag ladies. They stood immobile for a few moments, and then, to the snapping of off-stage fingers, came to life in unison with freeze-frame movements. Were the witches being directed from some off-stage force?

Not really, answered lead witch Cindy Rosenthal, an Equity actor and one of the professionals brought to Vermont as part of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble. "We don't embody evil. We mirror evil that is present," said Rosenthal. "What we worked on as a group was the idea that we were organic beings waiting for the time to be right and for evil to come to life."

When Macbeth happens by the witches, confirmed Jonathan Fried (the young Equity actor who played Macbeth), "It is a matter of someone being ripe for the plucking. The suggestions of the witches fall on fertile ground."

Often, Mokler noted, the witches in *Macbeth* are played as clearly supernatural beings. He suggested that in this production they were more like the embodiment of psychological—or even historical and sociological—forces. "What interests me most about theatre," Mokler explained, "is that it can suggest things that are invisible in our lives, but which play important roles in determining our actions."

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as I set out on foot to investigate.

You can't really miss what I've since begun to call "Voter Industrial Park"—otherwise known as the renovations to Voter Hall which will provide the College with a spiffy new computer center. The best prop in this diorama of the real world is what's undoubtably the most magnificent power shovel I've ever seen. (This big orange dinosaur is much more impressive than the little John Deere backhoe at the Starr dormitory construction site.)

Amidst the confusion of snow fences, pick-up trucks, tire-torn turf, and rubble bins is a small building set up to house the mainframe computers while Voter is under construction. With its basic four sides, a flat roof, and a floor, the temporary computer building looks just that—temporary, like a cardboard house. I know that portable buildings don't come in gray fieldstone, but this brown blot on the landscape looks like a "Which thing doesn't belong?" skit on "Sesame Street."

Attached to this sore-thumb of a temporary building is a little peak-roofed temporary annex. The intriguing sign over the doorway of this section reads "J. F. Smith Hall." Who was J.F. Smith? The brazen Brenda Starr thing to do was to go right in and get the scoop.

A woman inside told me that the "hall" is named in honor of J. "Frank" Smith, one of the Engelbert Construction Company workers who built it. It houses "the U.P.S. system," she explained. I wondered if it had something to do with men in brown outfits who delivered brown packages in brown trucks—until she explained and that it houses an Uninterrupted Power Supply system which, in the event of a power failure, would save the data that was on the computers. J.F. Smith Hall is a pretty important little building, we both agreed.

Even a zealous journalist has to stop and eat sometimes. Little did I know that my lunch would actually further my investigation. I stepped into Proctor and had to prevent myself from shouting, "Aha!" (When you perceive of yourself as a comic strip character, you begin to say such ridiculous things.)

Proctor dining hall has experienced a major facelift that includes the replacement of the smaller single pane windows with larger more easily openable casement windows—and to go with the new windows, there are new drapes, and large stained glass ornaments on the walls. Further, the walls have been repainted in a lighter shade of yellow. The "beverage bar" that was created last spring, moving the drink machines out of the congested food-serving area, seems to be working well—and one new partition adds a lot too. One student observed, "It's nice not to have to see where people get rid of their trays."

All in all, the result is a much brighter, more open feeling, which makes for a more pleasant dining experience in Proctor.

Occasionally, a reporter accidentally stumbles upon what is called "a lead." I was tipped off to some vast campus improvements when biology major Sheryl Parker exclaimed to me, "The Science Center has walls and ceilings and floors now!" I was sure that there had to be a story behind this curious statement, so I asked Sheryl to give me a little tour of the place.

As Sheryl explained, the formerly naked, cement corridors of the Science Center now exhibit shiny tiled floors, brilliant white or bright pinkish walls, and white metal ceilings, with lots of new lights (the kind that look like upside down ice cube trays).

Those white ceiling panels "make the halls much brighter," I noted. "Yeah," said a bio major in one of the study lounges, "but the tin makes echoes in here like we never had before." We checked out some of the lab rooms, too. "Before, when you sat in class," Sheryl explained, "you would look up and read the pipes—'water,' 'vacuum,' or 'vent acid,' and follow the little arrows showing which way things were going." Now the rooms have clean drop ceilings that are a lot nicer and much less distracting to science students.

I was certainly impressed with the the interior changes. Whereas last year I would have described the decor of the Science Center as "Modern Prison Cell," "Ultra Drab" or simply "Unfinished," now I'd say it's a real bright spot on campus. Sheryl takes a little more critical view. "The pink walls and the purple bulletin boards are like ice cream colors," she says, "but all of the white makes everything look kind of sterile, like a hospital." But we both agreed without reservation, "Better a hospital than a dungeon."

One enthusiastic review of the new decor comes from Jeff Byers, an assistant professor in the chemistry department . He now calls the sleek and flashy building "the Starship Enterprise."

In the course of my investigations, I spent a great deal of time on the campus sidewalks, which turned out to be yet another aspect of my investigation. For example I scoped out the new landscaping in front of the Battells. "Nice benches, and well-groomed bushes too," I scribbled in my notebook. Also, "Long bike racks!" And finally, "DAZZLING white, wide sidewalk."

Another new sidewalk behind Warner Hemicycle paves the way to Twilight Hall. It is straightforward and sensible. Ernest Hemingway (who also started out as a reporter) might call this a clean, well-constructed sidewalk. Previously, students and faculty had to walk to Twilight down a sidewalk on the opposite side of College Street, which then meant crossing the street at a dangerous intersection. The new sidewalk is more direct, and avoids the difficult crossing.

Not all of the new sidewalks are good sidewalks, I decided, after more inspection. Case in point: the so-called "helicopter pad" in front of Carr Hall. I remembered trees, something of a slope toward the street, mud, and random grass (although I wouldn't use the word lawn except in the broadest sense of the word).

Now the large slab of cement over the front lawn almost looks like the parking lot that we all desperately need. (But that's another article I'm writing.) On this equal opportunity sidewalk, you can approach the building from due east, due west, southeast, and southwest. Moreover, you can come from behind Carr at northeast and northwest angles. But who's got a compass anyway?

Although the geometrics of the converging paths are interesting, I was disappointed to find that the only small concessions to natural beauty are the two congruent right triangles of long grass. Their lush overgrown state may have something to do with the fact that the triangles are too small for a lawn mower.

Carr was a sorry sight, a scandal almost. And my instincts told me that there was something fishy going on. I braced myself and went straight to George Whitney, director of operations for the College.

I wasn't going to let him off the hook with "what's a little concrete between friends?" I hoped that George Whitney would turn out to be what Brenda Starr might call a "source." In the end, he simply explained that the planning committees carefully observed the traffic patterns and then devised a plan that took them all into account. "When you look at the blueprints," he said, putting them in front of me, "it makes perfect sense."

I reminded him that a straight line could also be the most unappealing distance between two points. "Can you imagine," I cried, " the kind of Epistle that Alexander Pope (another great journalist) could write about *this* 'Use of Riches'?" Mr. Whitney kindly explained that I hadn't seen anything

yet. Happily, Carr Hall's "New Concrete Plaza"—as the sensible blueprint calls it—is not to be left so naked. The College will plant trees in the triangles. Three or four more trees will be added along the road, and one or two benches will be placed on the plaza itself.

Mr. Whitney also disclosed information about the other construction areas on campus. He talked about the complete overhaul that had occurred at Painter and about the similar work that is presently being done on Starr. In Painter (built in 1815), the center stairwell was turned into new rooms, and new stairwells were constructed at either end of the building. All the rooms were redecorated and refurnished. The building got new wiring, new windows, new plumbing, new heating, new sprinklers, and new fire alarms.

Mr. Whitney's unchecked enthusiasm for the projects was contagious, and after talking with him, I set out to view the dozens of maple trees planted along the road to the field house. (They're so cute and geeky, like young colts which haven't filled out to their mature stature of strength and grace.)

And I thought philosophically about the way that every building is really a "work in progress," subject to reconstruction and renovation at any moment. Maybe that's why they're called buildings and not "builts." (Maybe that could be the germ of an idea for my senior thesis?)

On my way back, I passed Starr Library, a place that I had been assiduously avoiding since my arrival on campus. There was a young mason "repointing" the library's stone steps, and although he didn't look like any of the dashing men that Brenda Starr always interviews (no black eye patch or anything), I fell into conversation with him. He told me that the College had kept him busy all summer, and—with his spade—pointed out several brick building projects that I never would have noticed, such as the new chimneys on Starr Dormitory and the roof work on Munroe.

"Wow," I murmured, "I can't believe all that's been done."

He scooped some mortar out of his wheelbarrow. "Well," he volunteered, "isn't that one of the reasons that people want to come here—for the campus?"

"Yeah," I answered (to hell with a reporter's objectivity). "Isn't it beautiful?"

So what if there are a few localized disaster areas on campus? As the saying goes, you've got to break the eggs in order to bake the cake, and on the whole, from what I've seen so far, I'd say that the eggs are worth breaking.—*Leslie Virostek '88*

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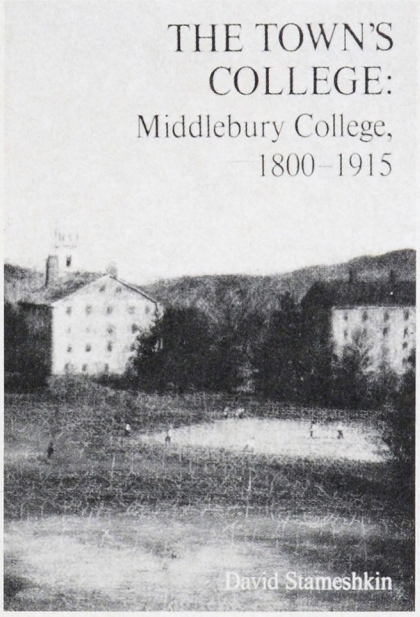

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COLLEGE STREET BEAT

Zarzuela: After an evening at the Spanish School's annual *zarzuela* (or "light opera"), you have a good idea of what the "immersion" approach to language instruction is all about. Even if you don't speak the language (I don't), three theatrical hours in Spanish, including a backstage celebration, make you think you're in a foreign country.

There was definitely something otherworldly about the Spanish School's three-act production (slightly abridged) of *Gigantes y Cabezudos* (Giants and Big Heads, first performed in 1898). Among other things, *Gigantes* concluded with two "giants"—enormous sculpted heads held high on poles, with flowing robes that hid the actors below—parading and dancing around the stage. The operetta is built around the Festival of the Virgin of Pilar, celebrated in the Aragonese village of Zaragoza; the *Gigantes y Cabezudos* of the title refer to the big-headed beanpole stars of the festival. But also, a rough translation of the play program explains, the title "refers to the Aragonese who are giants in their aspirations and stubborn and tenacious in their efforts."

You could follow the basic love plot whether you speak Spanish or not. The village beauty (played by faculty member Shirley Mangini of California State University) is named after Spain's virgin patron saint Pilar, and she longs for her lover Jesus (a student, John Eaton), who is in Cuba fighting the war. An older military man, El Sargento (played by Spanish School music director Emilio Nunez from Middlebury's Madrid program and Madrid's Collegio Estudio), loves her, as well, and goes to great lengths to convince Pilar (unsuccessfully) that Jesus has forgotten her. When Jesus returns unexpectedly, the Sergeant intercepts him and tells him that Pilar has eloped with a Mexican. But before Jesus leaves to pursue her, the lovers' paths cross, of course, at the Festival.

The overall production is alternately campy and dramatic, part parlor show and part high-Broadway—perfect, as you might suspect, for light opera. Professional performers (native speaking faculty members like Nunez and director Jorge Plata from the Free Theatre of Bogota, Columbia) and amateurs (the students and other faculty) mix on stage, alternately speaking dialogue and then mouthing the words to the recorded operetta score.

When new characters appear on-stage, chuckles run through the audience as it recognizes favorite faces. Long-time Spanish School student Rev. Charles Lenaghan M.A. '87 of Chicago ("Father Carlos" as he's called) caused a ripple in a bit part as a policeman who repeatedly gets thrown off the stage by irate women marketplace vendors in the opening scene; he's trying to enforce the Mayor's new tax on the vendors, and they answer with a song, "If women gave the orders."

The sets and props are sometimes impressionistically simple—hand-painted signs to signify village shops, produce market stands, and reflecting foil unrolled across the stage to signify the Ebro River. But they can also be stylishly elaborate—the big-headed giants, for example, and a scenic backdrop and suspended stained-glass window to suggest the famous Zaragoza Church of Pilar. The Spanish School's artist-in-residence, Alfredo Ramon (a painter who teaches for Middlebury in Madrid), spends much of his time each summer building theatre sets.

High point of the show, undoubtedly, was the closing Festival which reunites Pilar and Jesus. The entire cast performs the *jota*, a footstomping Aragonese folk dance which, like the *flamenco* in the south, uses castanets.

The only disappointment of the evening: Backstage after the show, I had to hide in a corner and talk quietly in English. But when someone offered a glass of Spanish wine, I smiled, "Si." —ECE

Tracking down the big scoop: In a moment of amaurotic idiocy, my cousin Marty once told me that I looked like comic strip reporter Brenda Starr. No doubt he's forgotten all about it (we were about ten at the time), but it kind of stuck in my mind. And once in a while, it re-emerges and influences my behavior. Like the first day I got to Middlebury this fall.

It didn't take Brenda Starr's keen observational abilities to realize that certain aspects of the campus clashed with the visual memory of the place I'd been carrying around all summer. As soon as I arrived I was struck by the amount of seemingly unnecessary destruction—I mean, construction—on campus: at Voter Hall, at Starr Dormitory, on (or under) the lawn behind the North Dorm.

I'd better get to the bottom of this, I said to myself. Although I didn't dye my hair red or anything, I did take my trusty notebook

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Photo at right: Engelbert Construction workers install a temporary building outside Voter Hall. Dubbed with many facetious names (Wonnacott Hall is a favorite in the dean of students office), the building will be home for the College's Vax mainframe computers for much of this school year, until renovations to Voter are completed. In the new Voter Hall, three floors will become an expanded campus computing center (the fourth floor and the attic are being renovated as student housing). With groundbreaking on the new arts complex and student center (see page 27) planned for later in the year and renovations scheduled for virtually all dormitories, construction on campus will be a necessary inconvenience for the next few years. Photo by Erik Borg.

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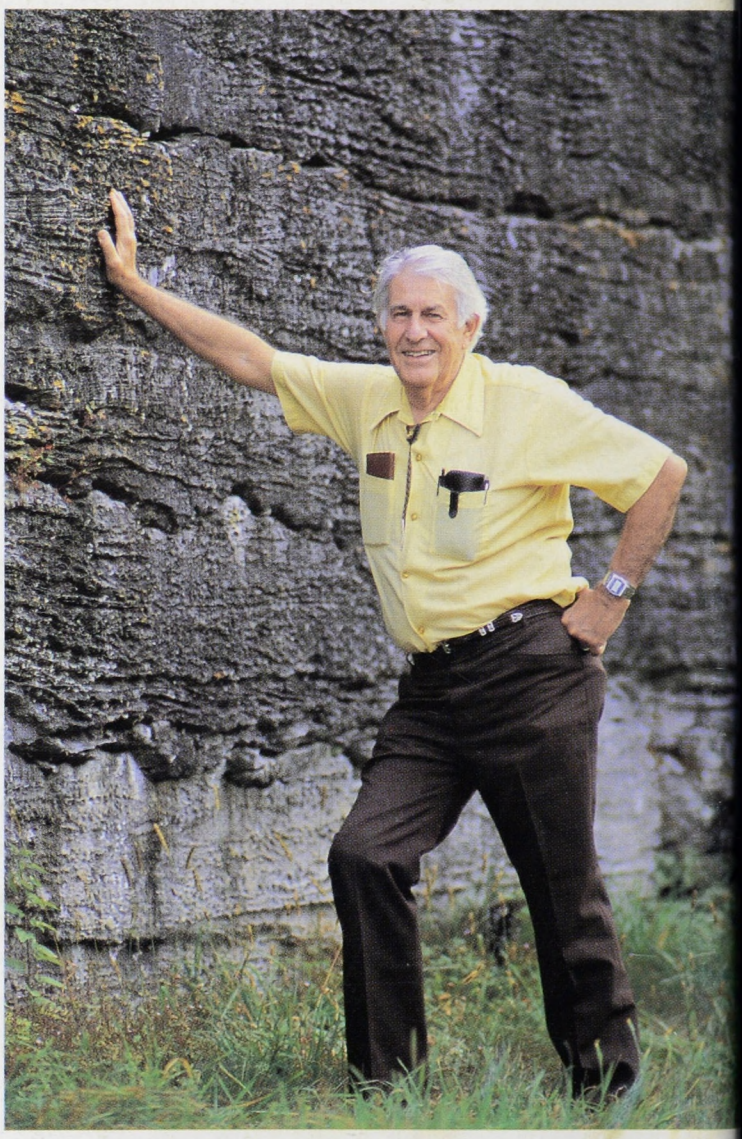
Learning is Discovery

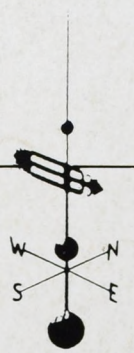
As the College has matured, the role of the faculty has changed dramatically. When the student body grew from 1,250 to 1,900 in the mid-'60s, the surge of new young faculty injected a vitality that continues to this day.

The Geology Department consisted of two teachers and two small rooms cramped with rocks on the top floor of Warner when I arrived in 1958. It has since moved to the Science Center and grown to a faculty of five. The array of laboratories and equipment, including an electron microprobe and the new ICP (Inductively Coupled Argon Plasma Spectrometer), encourages student research in the complex analysis of rocks.

Middlebury geologists work in one of the most fertile research areas anywhere, from the fossil-rich limestone at Crown Point, across Lake Champlain and the Champlain Valley's thrust faults to the crumpled metamorphic rocks along the glaciated spine of the Green Mountains. Student field and laboratory research are the essence of the Department's approach to excellence in teaching.



Brew Baldwin, one of the characteristic features of the outcroppings at Crown Point.



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